

## Plans for a Multi-use trail in Greenbrier Park!!!

The City is planning to build a multi-use, 8-foot wide gravel trail in Greenbrier Park that will run from Brandywine Drive downstream towards the railroad. This trail will have a series of bridges and boardwalks to cross over the streams and wetlands. It will also have improved views of the creek.

Eventually, the trail will be extended upstream to connect to the City's Meadow Creek Valley Park, which is situated behind the houses that front onto Brandywine Drive and the Seminole Square Shopping Center. This will allow bike riders and walkers to get from our neighborhood to the Senior Center and head north to Fashion Square Mall. Or, users can follow Meadow Creek south (further upstream) and get to destinations such as Whole Foods, Bodos, and eventually UVA (see map on the other side).

In the other direction (downstream), the Greenbrier Park trail will run through a new tunnel that will be built under the railroad. Just on the other side of the railroad is the existing John Warner Parkway Bike Trail. From here, users will be able to bike to Downtown or head northwards towards Dunlora and Belvedere.

All in all, the Greenbrier Park trail is the starting point for an amazing set of trails that will serve our neighborhood for years to come! To learn more about this trail network, attend the GNA Fall Meeting on September 15.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HELP CLEAR SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

In the past, the city has directed those who are physically unable to clear their own sidewalk to the GNA for help. This year, GNA board member Bruce Gehle has offered to help coordinate these requests. If you find you need help shoveling your sidewalk, you can contact him at [brucegehle@gmail.com](mailto:brucegehle@gmail.com). More importantly, contact Bruce if you (or your kids) are willing to help shovel for your neighbors, so that he can follow up with you if/when there is need.

#### PROGRESS ON THE YMCA

The Brooks Family YMCA in McIntire Park is on track for completion in May 2017. The 79,000 square foot facility will include 2 pools; 2 basketball courts; a fitness floor; a suspended walking track; mind/body, group exercise and cycle studios; a childcare + kid zone; a teen center; and a community meeting space with a programmatic focus on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Pre-membership sales (scholarships available) and tours will start in January 2017. Visit the website for additional information: [www.piedmontymca.org](http://www.piedmontymca.org).

#### MCINTIRE EAST PARK

City Parks Dept, in conjunction with the non-profit

McIntire Botanical Garden, is aiming to redevelop the eastern half of McIntire East Park in 2018. A landscape architect hired by the City has recently completed final construction plans for this part of the park.

#### CITY COUNCIL TAKES UP DEER CONTROL PROGRAM

At its July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council received a report from David Kucka, an official with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, on the City's options for addressing the deer population in the City. Mr. Kucka spoke at length about what he considered the most effective method for controlling the deer population, hunting. He suggested the City consider establishing an urban archery season within the City limits, which would allow residents to either hunt deer, with bow and arrow, on their own property or allow others to do so. Around 40 localities in the state of Virginia permit urban archery.

The City Council directed staff to follow up on the communities that have established urban archery and to research other methods for culling deer herds including sterilization. The City of Fairfax is one community that has pursued sterilization to manage its deer population.

The Council will receive a report from the staff and hold a public hearing on its options in mid-September or early October.

## Greenbrier Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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[www.gnaweb.org](http://www.gnaweb.org)

### GNA Fall Meeting

Please come out for the GNA Fall Meeting! The meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 pm** in the Greenbrier Elementary School Auditorium.

Highlights will include:

1. A presentation by the Parks and Rec Department about their plan for an 8-foot wide gravel greenway trail between Brandywine Drive and the railroad and their efforts to seek funding for a trail on Rugby Road.
2. A presentation by the Nature Conservancy and the City on plans for foot trails in Greenbrier Park on the south side of the Creek.
3. An update on the potential for a City sponsored deer control program.

#### Association Membership

If you live in the Greenbrier neighborhood, you are already a member of the GNA! You can support the GNA's efforts by sending \$10 annually (checks payable to the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association) to:

Lise Dobrin, Treasurer  
2101 Tarleton Drive,  
Charlottesville, VA, 22901.

#### GNA Email List

The GNA email list is a great way to keep up to date on your neighborhood! It is a low-traffic, ad-free, neighborly resource (lost dog, contractor recommendations, crime warnings, etc.). Email [NedMichie@aol.com](mailto:NedMichie@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list. (You do not need to pay dues in order to join the email list!)

#### Join Us on the GNA Board!

Interested in knowing what is going on in Greenbrier? Interested in working to enhance quality of life in our neighborhood? Interested in local government and making Charlottesville an even better place to live? If so, you are a great candidate for the GNA Board! There are currently several vacancies. Come to the Annual Meeting and talk to the current Board members about what is involved! The work is fulfilling and the time commitment low.

***The GNA especially needs help developing its presence online.*** If you or a family member have experience and interest in digital communication, we would love to have you on the Board.

If you are interested in Board service but cannot make the meeting, please email Michael Barnes: [michaelbarnes456@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelbarnes456@yahoo.com).

GNA Executive Committee President: Michael Barnes, [michaelbarnes456@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelbarnes456@yahoo.com) – **Vice President: VACANT, WANT TO VOLUNTEER???** – Secretary: Natalie Ermann-Russell, [nermann@yahoo.com](mailto:nermann@yahoo.com) – Treasurer: Lise Dobrin, [dobrin@virginia.edu](mailto:dobrin@virginia.edu) – At Large Members: Melanie Lepper, [melanie@tuneintoyourself.com](mailto:melanie@tuneintoyourself.com) – Sheila Haughey, [sheila.haughey@comcast.net](mailto:sheila.haughey@comcast.net) – Eve Solomon, [solomoneve@hotmail.com](mailto:solomoneve@hotmail.com) – Bruce Gehle, [brucegehle@gmail.com](mailto:brucegehle@gmail.com) – Ned Michie, [nedmichie@aol.com](mailto:nedmichie@aol.com)

**EXISTING & FUTURE BIKE & FOOT TRAILS  
IN AND AROUND GREENBRIER**

Wooded green spaces surround the Greenbrier neighborhood. The City is working with the Rivanna Trails Foundation (RTF) and the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association (GNA) to develop a 4.5 mile loop of bike trails and footpaths through these parks. The City and the County have also planned trail extensions off this loop to connect to Downtown, UVA, and destinations in the County. You can help build this system by attending RTF Work Day Parties and voicing your support to City leaders. For more information, visit [www.charlottesville.org/trails](http://www.charlottesville.org/trails)

**Legend**

- Existing Multi-use
- Proposed Multi-Use
- Existing Foot Trail
- Proposed Foot Trail
- Bridge
- Tunnel



**TO FASHION  
SQUARE MALL**

**TO DUNLORA/  
BELVEDERE**

**Upper Meadow Creek Bike Trail**  
The park Master Plan calls for a bike trail to connect Hillsdale Drive (near the Senior Center) to the Meadow Creek Gardens Park (behind Bodos). This trail might also link to Hillsdale Extended and Whole Foods.  
Completion Date: Unknown

**Commuter Trails to UVA**  
The City's current bike planning efforts call for bike trails linking to UVA.  
Completion Date: Unknown

**Greenbrier Bike Trail**  
The City, RTF, and GNA are partnering to build bridges and a 8-foot wide bike trail running from Hillsdale Drive in the County downstream to the NS railroad. Future funding will link this trail to the John Warner Parkway Trail  
Completion Date: 2018.

**Route 250 Bike Trail**  
A bike trail was built in the woods behind the Fire Station in 2012. The project is fully funded and will connect the YMCA to Hydraulic Road.  
Completion Date: 2017

**McIntire Park Railroad Bridge**  
Construction plans are complete for a new bike/ foot bridge over the railroad and the eastern third of the Route 250 Bike Trail should begin construction next spring.  
Completion Date: 2017

**Greenbrier Railroad Tunnel**  
With the removal of the sewer pipe in 2012, access across the NS Railroad has become difficult. A new pedestrian tunnel is planned to go under the railroad to connect to the John Warner Parkway Bike Trail.

**Greenbrier Foot Trail**  
The City is buying the last parcel that will complete a foot trail on the southern side of the creek  
Completion Date: Mostly complete now

**John Warner Parkway Bike Trail**  
The Parkway trail is Complete! It is a 2 mile bike trail connecting Dunlora almost the Albemarle County Office Building/ Downtown.  
Completion Date: Complete.

**East McIntire Park/  
Botanical Garden Trails**  
The current plans for the East McIntire Arboretum call for two trails linking between the John Warner Parkway Trail and the McIntire Park Railroad Bridge  
Completion Date: Roughly 2019

**Skate Park**  
Planning is complete, but \$2m in funding still must be found  
Completion Date: Unknown

