

Greenbrier Gazette

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GREENBRIER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

FALL 2022

GNA FALL EVENT: GREENBRIER ARTS & CRAFTS STROLL

Last spring's picnic at Greenbrier Elementary—attended by more than 300 neighborhood residents and featuring two food trucks, a raffle that raised over \$400 for the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association (GNA), and activities for kids—was a wonderful reminder of the value of gathering as a community.

Bob Stroh, also known in recent years as “Santa Bob” and the architect of the community puzzle swap, has invited amazingly talented and creative neighbors to join in exhibiting and selling handmade creations from their homes. **The Greenbrier Neighborhood Arts & Crafts Sale and Stroll will take place just in time for the holidays on Saturday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine).**

Take a stroll or drive around the neighborhood and peruse art, jewelry, toys, photography, cards, clothing, accessories, textiles and more! Chat with the makers and meet the person behind your beautiful new purchases. To view the most current list of vendors and their addresses, visit:

<https://bit.ly/GreenbrierStroll2022>



LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
ARTISTS AND
MAKERS
PARTICIPATING IN
THE GREENBRIER
ARTS & CRAFTS
STROLL:



GREENBRIER PARK PATH PROGRESS

After years of patience and advocacy, it appears that the push we made this year for funding of the long-planned multi-use path along Meadow Creek is finally paying off. With help from federal pandemic funding that can be used to improve green spaces, city leaders seem favorable toward funding completion of a significant section of the planned path between Brandywine Drive and Michie Drive, including the construction of two bridges.

The funding allocation still needs final approval by the City Council, which could come in December.

Assuming it does, the Parks and Recreation department says it intends to put the project out for bid and begin construction no later than the summer of 2023. This would be a huge step forward, but the path would still have to be completed on the downstream end to connect to the paved path along the John Warner Parkway, and on the upstream end to Morton Drive behind the English Inn.

Separately, the city plans to begin work after Thanksgiving on repairing a section of boardwalk in Greenbrier Park that was washed off its moorings in September 2021. The plan is for work to be complete by the second week in December.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE PLANNED PATH + ITS HISTORY, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
cvillegreenbrier.weebly.com/trail-plan.html



YORKTOWN DRIVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



You may have noticed that Yorktown Drive from Bunker Hill to Brandywine looks a little bit different! The road now has white lines on either side, 10 feet from the center line of the road, denoting pedestrian lanes. Many neighbors on this curvy and dangerous stretch of road worked very hard over the last five years to convince the city to improve safety there, and city staff members suggested painting the lines as a faster and MUCH less expensive alternative to putting in sidewalks.

While the lanes are not the exact solution the community was looking for, they will give drivers and pedestrians their own designated spaces, and may slow traffic by making the road feel narrower. Please continue to drive carefully on this stretch and watch for more kids commuting to school on foot, bike and scooter. Thank you to the neighbors and the city for your diligence and persistence in the name of safety!

CITY ZONING UPDATE MOVES FORWARD

The city council approved Charlottesville's new future land-use map in late 2021, and staff members and consultants now are working on a detailed rewrite of the city's zoning code to match the broader plan.

The new map calls for allowing construction of three- or four-unit buildings on most residential-zoned lots citywide, with higher or lower density in select districts. In Greenbrier, it provides for allowing townhouses, row houses and "house-sized" apartment buildings up to 12 units in key areas near Rio Road, Meadowbrook Heights Road and the neighborhood's public schools.

City leaders held a series of work sessions in the summer and early fall, and the project's timeline now calls for a draft zoning document in early 2023, followed by a round of public feedback, a revised draft in the spring and, finally, a series of public hearings and votes.

CVILLE PLANS TOGETHER 

DETAILS + BACKGROUND ON THE ZONING REWRITE:

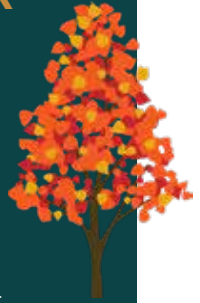
www.cvilleplanstogether.com

Residents can also submit comments or sign up for email updates.

REACH CITY PLANNING STAFFERS + CONSULTANTS :

engage@cvilleplanstogether.com

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES FOR GREENBRIER RESIDENTS



According to Jeanette Janiczek, Urban Construction Program Manager for the City of Charlottesville:

- The city received grant funding for a **full replacement of the Dairy Road vehicular bridge, and design work is expected to begin in early 2023.** The pedestrian bridge will remain in service during construction.
- **Rehabilitation work has been completed on the deck and railings of the Melbourne Road bridge, and the project's final items are being wrapped up with no anticipated vehicular or pedestrian impacts.**
- **Crews will continue to conduct state-funded bridge repair work on the U.S. 250 Bypass over Rugby Road and the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks.** Work during the night will involve rotating lane closures and sometimes ramp closures. Substantial completion is expected by November.



LET'S ALL PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

If you live in one of the 900+ homes in the Greenbrier neighborhood, you are a member of the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association. Please consider participating in your association and its activities by attending and volunteering for events and suggesting ideas to any executive committee member.

GNA accepts suggested contributions of \$10 per household per calendar year. Regular expenses of the association include Groups.io email list hosting, neighborhood-wide meetings/forums, donations to local schools, and the printing of the GNA newsletter, which is hand-delivered twice a year to all residences. Your annual contribution of \$10 (or more) also funds gatherings like the neighborhood-wide picnic last summer and smaller street parties through the Let's Party program.

Our treasury's balance as of Sept. 30, 2022 is \$5,337.77. So far this year, GNA has received donations of \$2,154.71 from 80 households (9% participation). GNA spent \$1,956.52 to fund Groups.io hosting, printing the spring newsletter, a donation to Greenbrier Elementary's Frog Jog, the spring picnic, credit card fees, and a gift for a former board member who funded graphic design of the bi-annual newsletter. Year-to-date commitments are \$1,000 to the Let's Party program and \$250 to support outreach for the upcoming neighborhood arts and crafts stroll (see article page 1).

To contribute:

- Please make a **check payable to Greenbrier Neighborhood Association** and mail it to Jane Tirrell at 1715 Meadowbrook Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. You may also set up a bill-pay to GNA and have your online banking generate and mail a check to GNA C/O Jane Tirrell.
- By **Zelle**: establish a contact for GNA-Jane Tirrell and use the email address **GNADUES@gmail.com**
- **By Venmo**: use **@Jane-Tirrell-GNA**. All Venmo transactions are private.
- Debit or credit card: **press the blue "Donate" button on the Groups.io homepage: <https://gna.groups.io>**

A financial contribution to the GNA is not required to join the GNA group email list or to receive the newsletter. Many thanks to the households that have donated so far in 2022. If you would like to know when you last contributed to the GNA, please email Jane Tirrell at jcteek@gmail.com Our financial records date back to 2006.

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED!

- Need a recommendation for a plumber? painter? dentist?
- Need to find someone for childcare or pet sitting?
- Looking for the owner of a lost cat/dog? your own lost dog/cat?
- Interested in neighborhood activities or City news that affects our neighborhood?

Join the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association

Email List! All these topics and more appear regularly on our community email. The GNA Email List is limited to households within our geographic neighborhood and is hosted on Groups.io, which provides us an ad-free platform for communicating with each other. If you're worried about being bombarded with emails you're not interested in, you can set preferences for the number and frequency of emails you will receive.

Joining the List is easy: Email **enroll@gna.groups.io** and include your address (this helps us verify you're a resident). We'd love to have you in our virtual community!

LET'S PARTY!

GNA's Let's Party program supports our community by funding up to ten neighborhood parties, reimbursing expenses up to \$100. Neighborhood residents who host or organize a social gathering for their neighbors are especially encouraged to form and strengthen relationships with neighbors they may not know well yet. The money can be used for food, rentals, paper products, or any other communal resource or

amenity for the party. A great example of the Let's Party program: Neighbors on Banbury and Tarleton Street are planning a Halloween parade with "mummy dogs" and other refreshments for nearby households.

To apply, send a brief note detailing your party plans at least 10 days before the event to GNA's Executive Committee: exec@gna.groups.io

STREET SWEEPING + FALL LEAF COLLECTION

It's that time of year, when weather is changing and the leaves are falling. City crews are coming to pick up leaves starting Oct. 31 through Jan. 20, and you can **see the schedule and procedures for leaf collection here:** www.charlottesville.gov/395/Leaf-Collection

There are three visits to each section of the neighborhood. **Sign up for leaf pick-up text alerts by texting your street address to 434-771-0251.**

No bagged leaves are allowed. If you have street parking, the leaves go in the street; if there is no street parking, they go at the edge of your yard or on either side of the sidewalk—NOT on the sidewalk.

Street sweeping is scheduled twice annually for our neighborhood. This past year, it was May 23 to 27 and Sept. 6 to 12. For the 2023 schedule, check here: www.charlottesville.gov/390/Public-Service

GREENBRIER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contact: exec@gna.groups.io

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Aven Hormel Kinley - Co-President
Holly Robertson - Co-President
Mary Ropka - Vice President
Jane Tirrell - Treasurer
Jake Mooney - Secretary
Ned Michie - Past President

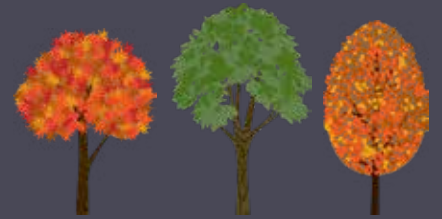
AT LARGE MEMBERS

Julia Brown | Brian Casterline
Claire Cronmiller | Andy Jaspen
Leah Puryear | Cate Robbins
Eve Solomon

CAN I RECYCLE OR COMPOST THAT?

Charlottesville residents are fortunate to have free curbside recycling pickup every other week. However, it's super important to put only accepted items in the bin. The city's web site at www.charlottesville.gov/recycling is a great resource for more information, but here are some highlights:

- Items not accepted include plastic bags and wraps (take those to a grocery store bin or McIntire Recycling Center), styrofoam, caps or lids smaller than a quarter, wax-coated paper, and grease-stained cardboard.
- Accepted items include all paper, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, junk mail, clear, green and brown glass, tin, aluminum, clean aluminum foil, empty aerosol cans, and plastics numbered 1 through 7. *Be sure to rinse all bottles and cans!*
- Composting is available, with free drop-off, at McIntire Recycling Center. Gather your food waste in a compostable bag and drop it off at your convenience. Grab a new compostable bag while you are there.
- Are you an oyster lover? Take your oyster shells to McIntire Recycling Center to support the Virginia Oyster Shell Recycling and Restoration Program.
- Want curbside compost pick-up? Check out Black Bear Composting and Life Cycle Organics (first month free!) and get started for as little as \$22.25 per month!



IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2022

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Early Voting — Registrar's Office
City Hall Annex 120 7th St. NE

Ends Nov. 5

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays until 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29, + Saturday, Nov. 5

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Leaf Collection

Oct. 31 to Jan. 20

Greenbrier Arts & Crafts Stroll

Saturday, Nov. 5 from

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

+

Saturday, Dec. 3 from

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.