

Greenbrier Neighborhood Association (GNA)

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GNA Group Email List **Rules of Use:**

As of 1/1/2021, there are just over 400 individual Greenbrier residents who are part of the GNA Group Email List. Please encourage others in the neighborhood to join. These rules are an attempt to maximize useful, friendly neighborly communications and community-building while at the same time not making people want to get off or stay off the email list due to a feeling of getting too much "spam" or being turned off by the nature or unpleasant tone of particular posts or threads.

Note that our group list host (Groups.io.) also offers a variety of ways for each member of the group to individually control the amount of mail that arrives in your inbox. For example, you can sign up for only daily digests or summaries and limit the "topics" or "hashtag" categories you want to hear about. (See Group.io. [User Manual on topic](#)). We think the use of hashtags can be particularly useful, and we specifically request their use for certain categories of email (see below). Please also check out our available hashtags at <https://gna.groups.io/g/mail/hashtags> and our description of how to use hashtags and otherwise control the flow of GNA group email into your inbox <https://gna.groups.io/g/mail/wiki/26124>.

I. General Rules:

A. **The email list is only available to** Greenbrier neighborhood residents, former residents, and incoming residents who have obtained the group list managers' permission. The neighborhood boundaries are those established for us by the City, with the addition of the County residents wholly within our neighborhood: those living on Michael Place, Brenda Court, and Vermira Place. (See maps on our web page, <https://cvillegreenbrier.weebly.com/>). Our neighborhood essentially comprises the area between Rio Road, the Route 250 Bypass, and the John Warner Parkway and is accessed by our entrance roads: Greenbrier Drive, Brandywine Drive, Meadowbrook Heights, the Dairy Road bridge, and Melbourne Road.

To join the list, send your name, street, and email address to Ned Michie at NedMichie@aol.com.

To send an email to the group once you are a member, use the following email address: mail@gna.groups.io.

Once you have joined our main list, if you are interested you can join our **subgroup email list for parents** and those actively engaged in the world of parenting who wish to freely discuss all such things without sending emails to all 400-plus list members. The parents' subgroup is not subject to the prohibited uses listed in section IV below, but the group may want to establish its own rules of use. Once you join this subgroup, to send an email to the subgroup use Parents@gna.groups.io.

- B. This email group was set up and is maintained as a service to the Greenbrier neighborhood. **The Executive Committee reserves the right to remove or suspend from the group anyone who violates the specific rules listed below or whose email(s) the Executive Committee finds offensive, disruptive, or contrary to the community-bonding / information-sharing purposes of the group list.**
- C. **Please always clearly identify the subject of your email in the heading** so that people can decide up front whether it is applicable/interesting to them. Consider using hashtags.
- D. In responding to another person's group email query, **please always consider using only "reply" and not "reply all"** so that you respond to only the original sender, unless it seems likely that a "reply all" to the hundreds of people on the list will be useful to a significant part of the group. This is of course a judgment call, and "reply alls" can indeed be helpful, but be mindful that it is going to a lot of inboxes.
- E. **Please consider if an inquiry you have can be fully answered through a simple browser search** or other quick and available public sources, without sending the question to hundreds of people's inboxes, particularly if your inquiry does not potentially have broader neighborhood implications.
- F. **When in doubt about a subject's suitability**, please check with the list manager, Ned Michie (NedMichie@aol.com), who will confer with the Executive Committee if it's a gray area.

II. Examples of Encouraged Uses of the Neighborhood Email List:

- A. Inquiries for recommendations about professional services, such as handymen, contractors, accountants, car repair . . . but we suggest using the established hashtag(s) (#recommendations) for those purposes so that members not wanting to hear about these sales can opt out of them coming into their inboxes.
- B. Inquiries seeking personal services from neighbors, particularly neighborhood kids (e.g., lawn care, pet care, and babysitting) – **but please** first check our Groups.io. Wiki Page, which has a list of neighborhood kids offering such services.
- C. Notices of lost or found pets / items of significance.
- D. Notices of items of significance or pets to be given away (please use #Free).
- E. Information on crimes in the neighborhood.
- F. Raising neighborhood-specific issues or providing information on government/civic meetings that may be of particular interest to our neighborhood residents.
- G. Notices of the formation of neighborhood clubs or groups such as book clubs and neighborhood units of regional/national organizations such as SOCA or Scouts. (Please limit notices and recruitment emails about any such group to a couple per year.)

- H. Seeking loaner tools or other household items.
- I. Seeking "a cup of sugar" or other commodity needed in a pinch.
- J. Seeking a helping hand for yourself (e.g., lifting heavy items, clearing snow . . .).
- K. Seeking volunteers for a specific local non-profit event.

III. Allowed Uses, But . . .

- A. Notices about yard sales or the sale of other items or pets are allowed, but we strongly encourage use of the established hashtags (#Yardsale and #Sale) for those notices, so that members not wanting to hear about these sales can opt out of them coming into their inboxes.
- B. Offers by neighborhood children of personal services such as lawn care, babysitting, and pet sitting – but we encourage sending such offers only to Ned Michie at NedMichie@aol.com, to be added to our Groups.io. "Wiki page" set up for that specific purpose (<https://gna.groups.io/g/mail/wiki/26118>). The listings on our Wiki page can be viewed at any time by all and only members of the neighborhood group list (e.g., at the time they actually need such service).

IV. Specifically Prohibited Uses of the Neighborhood Email List:

- A. Mean spirited, unkind, un-neighborly, offensive, and/or disruptive emails (as judged by the Executive Committee).
- B. Messages about political candidates or political issues.
- C. Solicitations of monetary donations to, or attendance at, fundraising activities of good/charitable causes/non-profits. (There are just too many such good causes and organizations, and they have enough outreach methods, including the Nextdoor app for the Greenbrier Neighborhood.) If a good/charitable cause/non-profit has a very close relationship to the neighborhood or is a local non-profit and has a particular compelling need, then feel free to request that the Executive Committee consider making an exception.
- D. Offers (aka advertising) by neighborhood residents of their own professional services or businesses. (We strongly, however, encourage and want all neighbors who offer professional services or who have a business to list these on our Groups.io. Wiki page set up for that purpose (<https://gna.groups.io/g/mail/wiki/26119>). The listings can be viewed anytime by all group members. There is no charge for this listing and such listing can also be made on our World Wide Web Page. Contact Ned Michie at NedMichie@aol.com to get listed.)
- E. Regarding non-residents' business and services – we do not want the list used for basic advertising or publicity for or on behalf of any commercial enterprise. Nevertheless, we want to support local businesses, so please feel free to let the group know about special events or circumstances of a local business, including delivery runs to our neighborhood.