

GREENBRIER LINKS



Greenbrier Association Newsletter

December 2016

President's comments:



A HISTORY LESSON

While sitting in five o'clock traffic on Winchester Road, bummed at the congestion, noise, and delays, you might want to think about the historic nature of the road you're on – and how the road back to Greenbrier has been used for centuries.

Before this area was settled by pioneers, Winchester Road, known as the Midland Trail, was a hunting trail used by Native Americans. As the Revolutionary War ended in 1785, this trail already formed the corridor of westward movement, as settlers, soldiers and travelers journeyed from Ashland across the Commonwealth through Morehead, Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville. The first stagecoach line in Kentucky, one of nine in the entire USA, started operating here in 1803 and ran for most of the 1800's. In 1835, Winchester Road was included in a network of turnpikes (toll roads) established throughout central Kentucky. Its completion in 1839 was celebrated in poetry, and though much used, the Winchester "Pike" was unpopular with travelers due to the tolls imposed. In 1882, our road was "macadamized" – the process of covering the roadbed with smallish stones to create a paved surface. This was unusual for the time and evidence of the significance of this route for early east-west travel. Dr. Thomas D. Clark, the late Kentucky Historian, said the famine in Ireland brought a wave of Irish immigrants to this area desperate for work. These men were used to build roads, including ours. The men used a round hammer with a hole in it called a "napping hammer" to beat the rocks. An inspector went around with a sized ring, and if the rocks he chose wouldn't go through the ring, they were too large and had to be broken up further. The crushed rock was mixed with sand and some lime and laid on the surface of the road to a depth of 9 or 10 inches.

By 1900, the turnpike and its tolls were eliminated in favor of designation as a free and public roadway, and between 1910 and 1919, the surface was laid in concrete, again testimony to its importance. In 1925, the federal highway system was established; a year later the route was designated US 60, a primary highway until Interstate 64 was created parallel and north of the road. What is now the Greenbrier golf course and subdivision was, according to Dr. Clark, a remount station, which supplied fresh horses and mules to the US Cavalry in the Spanish American War and WWI. Indeed, according to a 1921 issue of *Cavalry Journal*, the Army sought "high-class registered Thoroughbreds" to add to their breeding program, which explained the necessity of establishing a facility here. Historic homes, churches, and farms can still be found along this corridor, designated a State Scenic Highway several years ago, though pressure to develop threatens its unique character. Now, with more apartments, houses, and a school under construction, this historic road may possibly be facing its most drastic change yet – being widened so even more travelers can sit in five o'clock traffic, oblivious to what lies beneath their wheels.

Special Points of Interest

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- Annual Holiday Contest
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- New Lighting for our Front Entrance
- New Directory 2017
- Winter Get Together

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BULLETIN



From the Greenbrier Board of Directors

New Lighting for our Front is on the way!

The GRI Board has voted to improve the lighting at our front entrance. This was possible partially due to our improved Dues paying participation rate. Three reputable companies were quoted. **Innovative Landscape Lighting of Kentucky** has been contracted to provide a state-of-the-art, high efficiency, low voltage landscape lighting system.

The Winchester Entrance side walls will be evenly illuminated along with the associated 4 columns. This will create a backdrop to the existing landscaping and deliver a wide, warm inviting atmosphere to visitors and residents alike. It will also add a safety factor to the entrance by subtly defining the entrance and exit lanes. Each wall will have 2 accent fixtures up-lighting and highlighting the columns. Additionally, 5 mini wall wash fixtures will evenly illuminate the wall structures.

The contract includes the following features:

- Installation of new 12/2 wire as required. Wire to be buried against inside and outside walls and will be in direct burial electrical code protective flex hose.
- A Voltage control system that shall be adjusted to insure correct lamp operation, color and life.
- 4 Kichler accent fixtures with drop in, 6-year warranty, LED MR16 bulbs
- 10 VISTA, 10-year warranty, wide beam, LED integrated mini wall wash fixtures

Total Cost - \$2,296.00

October Business Meeting Review

Residents interested in what happened at the October 3rd Business Meeting can read those Minutes on our webpage at:

www.Greenbrier40509.com

New Greenbrier Neighborhood Directory

We will be publishing a new Greenbrier Neighborhood Directory next year. Several new neighbors have moved into our neighborhood within the last 2 years. Also, we would really like to have updated email addresses from everyone. Please fill-in and return the Update Form attached to this Newsletter.

Note from your Treasurer

Hello neighbors,

In an attempt to maintain financial stewardship, we will be testing the waters to better utilize the internet. We will send our initial Dues Invoices to everyone for whom we have an email address.

We will email this invoice in early January. If your dues are paid before we send out the postage paid invoices in mid-January we will not need to print and mail yours at that time.

We have also set up a PayPal Account to allow those who wish to pay their Dues online the ability to do so. PayPal users may send a payment to: **PayPal@Greenbrier40509.com**.

Complete Treasurer's Reports with a breakdown of expense items, listing the Annual Budget and Year-to-Date expenses for each item, are available at every Semi-annual GRI Members meeting. Also, feel free to email me at jschmidt1219@gmail.com with specific questions or concerns.

Your Treasurer, John Schmidt

Greenbrier Real Estate Snapshot

by Ben Allen

As of 11/29/2016 there are 11 single family homes and 1 town home on the market in Greenbrier. There is one currently under contract and 9 have sold and closed thus far in 2016. Looking at the averages for the neighborhood in 2016, it took 164 days to sell a home and the average sales price was \$555,722. According to the US Census Bureau, there are 19,599 people under the age of 54 who live in 40509 while there are just 6,769 above the age of 54. Local trends likely would show that there are more individuals below the age of 54 who are looking to move to our area than those 55 and above. (All information obtained from Lexington Bluegrass Association of Realtors and US Census Bureau)



The Holiday Judging contest

Will take place on **Thursday, December the 22nd**; only GRI members can win the \$50 gift certificate to a

Hamburg Restaurant.

ALL residents are eligible to win, **but ONLY Greenbrier Residents Incorporated members** receive gift cards to their favorite restaurant, any non-GRI homeowner *can be recognized* for winning design. Last year's winners were:

Crowe family at 2082 Bahama (Overall)

Plomin family at 3508 Trinidad (Entry)

Hamm family at 3512 Trinidad (Whimsical)

That means - unless they dramatically switch up their decorating - they are NOT eligible for the prize pool this year.

The elves will judge

- Best Doorway,
- Most Whimsical and
- Best Overall effects

Who will win the coveted yard signs this year? It could be YOU!

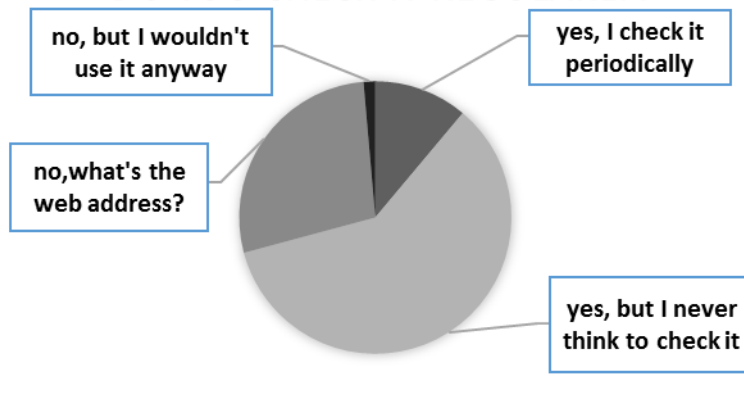
Lights on for the Holidays!!!

Survey Results

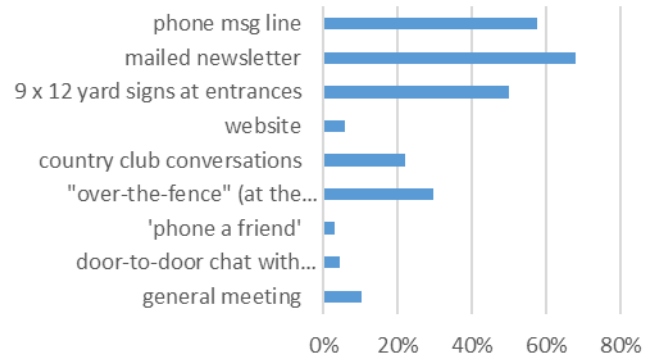
78 individuals Responded

Here are a few bits of what we gleaned from your responses **regarding communication**

ARE YOU AWARE THERE IS A WEBSITE FOR THE ASSOCIATION? DO YOU CHECK IT REGULARLY?



How do you generally find out about what's going on in the neighborhood? check all that apply



The survey was very helpful in many areas. We will likely have another one mid-2017.

Please make sure we have your correct email address so that you receive all Greenbrier correspondence.

We need to increase awareness of our website as we move into the digital age.

<http://www.gb-ra.com/>



A special thank you goes out to those

Greenbrier neighbors who put out the Holiday display on Thanksgiving Sunday. Those who worked together were Laura and J.B. Jenkins, Mariana and David Marye, Bo Moore, Cyndy and Mickey Powell. A special shout-out goes to Stephanie and Gary Denton who not only helped with the display but also stored all of our Holiday decor!

Be on the Lookout!

In 2017, we're planning a Winter Get-Together and a Ladies Tea!

Details to be announced!

Meet your new Board Members

Laura Jenkins and her husband J.B. moved to Greenbrier in 2013 and live on Walnut Grove Lane with their dog Milt. She worked in business development and sales roles in managed care and health insurance for over 20 years including Anthem BCBS here in Lexington, Greenview Regional Hospital in Bowling Green and Cigna in Charlotte, NC. Laura enjoys spending time at home with J.B. and visiting her mom Anne Poynter in Bowling Green.

Grant Talbert

Born and raised in Greenfield, IN, Grant is a 2009 Graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University. He graduated with a double major in Finance and Business Administration. It was at IWU where he met Emily Roy of Richmond, KY, they got married in 2009 and moved to Lexington. Together they have two beautiful little girls, Alexis who is 3 and Reese who is 1. Grant owns his own Investment and Consulting business and has been in the financial services industry since graduating college and Emily is a NICU nurse in the UK Children's Hospital. Grant and Emily are involved with their church, Northeast Christian, as well as together started a foundation in 2016 to help special needs children with Dance and Art.



The Greenbrier Book Club

The Greenbrier Book Club will meet on January 24th, 2017! Club participants will read celebrated biographer Ron Chernow's, **Alexander Hamilton**. Anyone wishing to join January's group should contact Marilyn Sidun at marilyn.s5000@gmail.com for further details.

Kathy Plomin, 12th District Councilmember,
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Reports:

I am pleased and proud to represent the Greenbrier Neighborhood as your newly appointed and elected 12th District Councilmember. Greenbrier is a vibrant part of a very unique 12th District, which comprises approximately 70% of the land mass in Fayette County. The District includes many similar neighborhoods and also is home to our beautiful horse farms, farmlands and natural resources. Having lived in Greenbrier for over 30 years and active on our Residents Association Board, I am very aware of our needs and look forward to representing them for our neighborhood at the City Council table.

**Greenbrier Residents Association
Welcoming Committee**

My name is Lynn Gaunce and I am the coordinator for the Welcoming Committee. Please help us welcome our new neighbors. If you think we have overlooked anyone, let me, or the greeter in your area know. My number is 859-5238278. We give our new neighbors a packet of information about Greenbrier, Fayette County, the Neighborhood Directory and a baked good. Let's all show how neighborly we can be. Here is a list of our greeters:

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| Suzie Hirsh | Leslie Russ |
| Denise Reid | Julie Lynch |
| Beth Ruggles | Lois Ricketts |
| Teri Landry | Jackie Klee |
| Cyndy Powell | Janice Malicote |

2017-2018 GREENBRIER NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please use this form to indicate how you want your information to appear in the updated directory. This includes changes to names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, childrens names/ages, etc. The accuracy of your current phone number/s is important for us to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency. This directory is distributed to Greenbrier residents only and is not to be used for commercial purposes.

Please return this completed form to Cyndy Powell

Everyone must return this form with primary residents name and Greenbrier address completed. This will verify the names, spelling and correct address for our records. If no further changes are needed, then check the box as indicated and return the form as requested. If other changes are needed, please update the appropriate information and return the form. If no form is received, the new directory will only contain the name/s, address, e-mail and phone number as currently published. All other information will be omitted from the new directory.

Primary Resident/s Names: _____
(Ex. Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln)

Greenbrier Street Address: _____
(Ex. 222 Twain Street)

Check if no further changes needed, publish as in current directory.

(Put an X; next to any specific phone# or e-mails or mailing address below that you do NOT wish to have published)

Mailing address if different from Greenbrier residence:

Home Phone #/s _____

His Work # _____ His Cell# _____ His e-mail _____

Her Work # _____ Her Cell# _____ Her e-mail _____

Children names & and ages (who reside with you in Greenbrier as of January 2016)

Neighborhood Services - List names and ages of person/s providing service (Ex. Lawn care, babysitting, dog care, etc)

Pet Info: Even good pets escape sometimes. This info will help bring them home!!

Type of Pet (cat, dog, etc)

Pet's Name

Pet Description (breed , color, markings, etc)

Please return this form to: Cyndy Powell, 3792 Jamaica Ct.



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