

# **2016 GREENBRIER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

## **Introduction**

As many of you know, the Greenbrier Parkway entrance on South Glenburnie and the areas to the right and left of the island on the Greenbrier Parkway were landscaped more than 20+ years ago. As impressive and lovely as it is, these areas are in much need of long overdue attention. Tree trimming and bush removal and/or maintenance has not been done on a regular basis for quite some time.

Over the years, as the trees have grown, the lack of sunlight has produced a lot of moss where once there was lush green grass, and plantings and trees are overgrown and/or no longer thriving. Damage was done to many plantings when a car jumped the curb, taking out several bushes. The entire area has become more difficult to maintain healthy plantings due to the lack of sunlight. Tree limbs are impeding emergency vehicles, trash trucks, moving vans, etc. In addition, the three trees located on the rear of the island may soon damage the curbing and eventually the roadway. A retired forester and contractors have advised these trees should be removed before this occurs.

Therefore, the GPOA Board has decided to move forward with removing the three trees on the rear of the island. Likewise, the GPOA Board has decided to have the limbs of the trees near the entrance walls on South Glenburnie trimmed up 16 to 18 feet from the ground to stop the impediment for emergency vehicles, trash trucks, moving vans, etc. These are normal maintenance expenses for our subdivision which are long overdue and now need to be addressed.

Fortunately for Greenbrier, our Alderman Jeffrey Odham, along with Matt Montayne, Director of Public Works for the City of New Bern, is moving forward to schedule and complete the tree removal and tree trimming portion of the project at no cost to Greenbrier and/or the GPOA!

Once these trees are removed and the tree limbing occurs, the Greenbrier landscaping design can be enhanced and refreshed because there will be more sunlight into those now dark and damp areas. We have been working with Gary Hollar of Gary's Landscaping, who was the original landscape company for Greenbrier. Gary has designed a lovely landscape plan which will add color and greenery to our Parkway entrance for each and every season. This plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://greenbrierlandscapeproj.homestead.com/>

# Project Plan

The Beautification Committee of the 2016 GPOA Board has been working for months to come up with a plan to implement much needed updates to the landscape at the Greenbrier Parkway Entrance. We have sought out professionals to suggest how to move forward.

## **PHASE ONE**

The tall trees at the Parkway entrance need to be trimmed (“limbed up” 16-18 feet) to allow for fire engines, moving trucks, etc., to enter and exit our community without tree branches hitting the tops of the vehicles. Also, the three trees on the rear of the island will be removed as their roots are soon to damage the curbing and the street.

This work is referred to as Phase One. Fortunately, the City has agreed to complete Phase One! Work should begin within the next several weeks. GPOA members will be notified by email when this work begins.

## **PHASE TWO**

The Greenbrier Parkway Island and bordering areas are overgrown, covered in moss, difficult to maintain and in need of professional landscape attention. After receiving plans and estimates from various nurseries and landscape companies, we have determined the original landscape company for Greenbrier, Gary’s Landscaping, is the best choice. There will also be extensive repair and updating to the irrigation system by Groundhog Irrigation.

Gary Hollar will present his plan for the new landscape design for the areas adjacent to the Parkway at our annual meeting on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Following his presentation, you will be able to ask questions and then vote on this as part of our 2017 budget. The design will add color and greenery to our Parkway entrance for each season. To view the proposed design, log onto Gary’s website using the link below:

<http://GreenbrierLandscapePROJ.homestead.com/>

The GPOA will use approximately one-third of the reserve funds to finance Phase Two.

There will be times when the work will require traffic detours. If we have your email address, you will learn in advance of the situation so that you can plan ahead.

The 2016 GPOA Board recommends approval of this proposal.  
Please direct any questions to [gpoaemail@gmail.com](mailto:gpoaemail@gmail.com).