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REZONING HEARING ON PARCEL 15 IS MARKED BY VIGOROUS DEBATE

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

After listening for four hours to a full array of arguments for and against the rezoning of Parcel 15, the County Commissioners on Wednesday, March 15, sitting as the District Council, took the petitions under advisement. The rezoning petitions filed by owners Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner and Consolidated Syndicates, Inc. called for 27.52 acres of R-18 (18-20 apartment units per acre) and 5 acres of C-1 (local commercial). The city of Greenbelt opposed the petitions.

Parcel 15, which borders the Capital Beltway between Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Road, is presently zoned R-55 (single family homes) and R-P-C- (rural-planned-community).

Representing the petitioners were attorney William Kahler and planner Fred W. Tuemmler. Opposing the rezoning was a parade of speakers led by Greenbelt's special zoning attorney Emmet Nanna, Jr., Mayor Edgar Smith and city planner Buford M. Hayden, of Mott and Hayden Associates, Inc.

Need for Apartments

Contending that apartments and commercial were the best land use for that tract, Kahler and Tuemmler pointed to the adjacent 50-acre Charlestowne Village parcel (zoned R-18) and to the rest of the development of the area, which they said was not conducive to single-family development. They noted that Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission had recommended R-18 because it provided visual variety and the area was overzoned for R-30 (14 apartments units per acre).

Observing that there were few vacancies in the existing Charlestowne Village apartments, Tuemmler stressed the need for additional apartments because of the rapid growth in population. On this point Commissioner Francis Francois questioned whether growth preceded apartments or apartments precede growth. Owner Theodore Lerner stated that the rental picture for the new University Square Apartments was excellent.

As for the 5 acres of commercially zoned land, Kahler said that this was appropriate zoning since the tract was located between the Capital Beltway and the American Legion, the latter a quasi-commercial operation.

R-18 Called a Mistake

A series of city witnesses took issue with the attempt to use the Charlestowne Village zoning as a justification for rezoning parcel 15. Planner Hayden called the development of the Charlestowne tract one of the "darker clouds." Mayor Smith traced the history of the Charlestowne Village tract and noted that it would not have been zoned R-18 if either the R-30 or R-T (townhouses) zones had existed at the time.

"The zoning," Smith said, "was approved only because the developer had promised to build an owner-occupied town house project comparable to the original planned Greenbelt development and at a density one-third the maximum permitted in the R-18 zone. . . . With the benefit of hindsight, we now know that it was a mistake to rely on the promises of that petitioner, both verbal and in writing." Smith asked the District Council not to compound the earlier error, by now allowing the petitioner and his partners to profit further from past mistakes.

Hayden noted that the Greenbelt core had a density of 7 units per acre. From a planning viewpoint, he felt that R-18 zoning for the Charlestowne tract was a mistake, especially when the density

originally proposed for the 50 acres is compared with what was actually built. He summed up by stating that "a 50-acre parcel with 500 unexpected and unplanned for families is too much of a mistake" and he saw no reason now "to expand this mistake."

Smith took issue with the MNCPPC's statement that there was enough R-30 in the area and that R-18 was needed to assure visual variety. He noted that there is almost twice as much property within the city of Greenbelt zoned R-18 than is zoned R-30. Nanna felt that MNCPPC had perhaps been confused by the designation on maps of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., property as R-30, when in effect it really is R-T, owner-occupied townhouses. Hayden said, "I submit that the visual variety needed for Greenbelt is more single-family homes and trees."

Urge Master Plan

Several witnesses called attention to the lack of an adopted master plan for the College Park-Greenbelt area. Nanna pointed out that the commissioners in July 1965 had rejected the MNCPPC Area 13 plan because the densities were too high for the area. Today, he stated, the applications now before the commissioners are asking for even higher density. Before any further high-density zoning is approved, Nanna urged that a comprehensive master plan be adopted. He also referred to the rejection by the commissioners in February 1962 of high-density zoning for parcel 15.

In rebuttal, Kahler said he didn't know whether there would ever be a plan but noted that other petitioners have had their zoning requests acted upon without a master plan being adopted. He explained that the petitions had originally been filed in May 1963 and held by MNCPPC pending the adoption of the master plan and the location of the school site.

Hayden stressed that the community facilities were not set up to handle the increased density typified by the petitions, this being detrimental to the safety and welfare of the community. He particularly referred to the road system.

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SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of City Council, Monday, March 27, 1967, at 8 p.m. for consideration of Area Plan 13N.

Nita Maschauer
City Clerk

GHI Sets Procedures For Special Meeting

Procedures for the special membership meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 1967, to consider the sales and resale policy for the large homes, were adopted by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors at a special meeting on Thursday, March 16.

The special membership meeting had been called as a result of a petition signed by 123 GHI members who disagreed with the formula devised by the GHI board for determining the resale price of the larger homes now being constructed on Northway, Woodland Way, and Hillside and of the townhouses to come on the tract opposite the North End school.

The board policy is to use the appraised value of the house to determine appreciation. The petitioners suggest using the consumer price index and applying it to the equity in the house (down payments plus payments toward principal) and improvements.

The pros and cons of the issue will be mailed with the notice of the meeting, with each side preparing its own statement. Voting will be confined to the evening meeting. A member unable to attend the meeting can obtain a proxy form assigning his vote to another member upon written request made directly to the GHI office. The proxy form must be completed and turned in to the GHI secretary or office by midnight, March 31.

The board named GHI president Charles Schwan to preside at the meeting and GHI attorney Allen Ginsberg to act as parliamentarian after turning down a suggestion by director Cliff Simonson that persons outside the corporation be selected as presiding officer and parliamentarian so as to assure maximum impartiality.

125 REGISTER AT SHL

At the special Springhill Lake voter registration last Saturday, 125 residents registered. The registration is for city elections only. Greenbelt residents may register with the City Clerk at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent, Monday through Friday during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A city council election is scheduled for September 19, 1967.

CFPG Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt (CFPG) will be held next Thursday, March 30, at 8:15 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

The main item of business will be the election of a 20-man steering committee for the year beginning April 1, 1967. The steering committee will, in turn elect its own officers.

After the business meeting a slide talk, "Prince Georges County, Then and Now," will be presented by Mrs. William L. Montgomery, of the Bowie Unit of the League of Women Voters. The illustrated talk will trace the development of the county since Colonial days. The meeting is open to all.

Council Hears APB Reports; Speeds Parkland Acquisition

by Sid Kastner

Recommendations arrived at by the Advisory Planning Board, on the Area 13N Plan, were presented to City Council at Monday night's regular meeting. Beside receiving this report for study, council speedily approved resolutions and fund transfers needed for the purchase of parkland; this purchase is now possible as a result of the recent condemnation suit. The city also gave its support to two State Senate bills which would give municipalities more recourse against arbitrary rezonings and land acquisitions.

The APB report read by chairman Edward Wuermsler, was prompted by a joint meeting of City Council and MNCPPC staff members, on Feb. 23, on possible revisions to the Area 13N Plan. The APB report contains four categories of zoning changes:

(a) Zoning changes already made by the District Council: these include the Golden Triangle (subject to court review), the Jaeger tract, and parcels in the Schrom area and the Smith-Ewing areas. The APB concurs with these.

(b) School locations or relocations designated by the Board of Education since MNCPPC previously adopted the Area 13N Plan. One of these is the much-discussed relocation of the senior high school from Parcel 15 to Parcel 2, along with the junior high school previously assigned to Parcel 12. The others are mainly elementary school sites. The APB concurs with these.

(c) changes suggested by the MNCPPC or its technical staff: among these is the zoning of the controversial Parcel 15, very recently the subject of a hearing by the District Council. Parcel 2, is recommended for R-T townhouses by APB rather than the staff's R-30 apartments. Both the technical staff and APB concur on combination of R-T and R-80 (single family homes) for Parcel 1. In the case of the perimeter road, APB recommends no change of its present alignment (on the Area 13N Plan) until the city, Board of Education, MNCPPC, GHI and other interested parties reach a mutual understanding.

(d) Independent recommendations of the APB: Under this category, APB finds R-T (which is intended for owner-occupied dwellings), to be a more suitable zoning designation for the GHI area than R-30 (rental units). And finally, APB states that MNCPPC should hold a public hearing on this revised Area 13N Plan, prior to its adoption, in accordance with state law which requires such hearings whenever substantial changes have been made.

Because of the extensive detail in the report, the council decided to hold a workshop meeting on Wednesday, March 22 and then will probably act on the recommendations in the report at a special meeting next Monday, March 27.

Parkland Acquisition

To move quickly in acquiring Parcels 11 and 12 for parkland, rules were suspended so that two

items could be passed for second reading; an ordinance appropriating funds from the Land Acquisition Fund, and a resolution authorizing application for a grant from the Federal government.

State Legislation

Gerald Gough, speaking from the floor, urged city council to support State Senate Bill No. 450, which would give the County Commissioners authority to review land acquisition by the Board of Education, and also State Senate Bill No. 660, which would give local municipalities more voice in zoning decisions. Both were recommended unanimously by the council, and Mayor Edgar Smith asked Gough to take the message of this support back to Annapolis.

Gough also asked the city to support State Senate Bill No. 237, which would provide for open occupancy in new housing and new apartments. He, as well as Norman Kilpatrick and Martin Anderson, noted that this bill as amended is now in line with Governor Agnew's position.

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Greenbelt Girl, 3, Drowns In Pool

Tori Allen Grossman, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grossman, 9210 Springhill La. drowned last Saturday when she fell into a swimming pool about a block from her home, police reported. She was found about 5 p.m. and was pronounced dead on arrival at Prince Georges General Hospital.

Police said Werner J. Meudt, of 5912 Cherrywood terr., went out on his balcony which overlooks the Springhill Lake Apartments pool and noticed a boy about 3 years old standing by the pool's edge.

According to the Sunday Washington Post he hurried down to warn the boy away from the pool and found the girl floating on the surface of the water.

The Berwyn Heights Rescue Squad responded and Lt. Richey Wilkinson attempted to revive Tori with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Police said the pool was surrounded by a 10-foot wooden fence, but that a section of it had been broken out and was boarded up temporarily. The two children apparently had been able to crawl through the broken section, which has since been repaired.

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tem. Officer Paul Reamy of the Greenbelt Police Department produced photographs taken at peak hours, showing the back-up in traffic now taking place on Greenbelt Road from the light at Kenilworth Ave. Tuemmler maintained, however, that the traffic along Greenbelt Road was not at capacity.

Want More Single Homes

The need for balance between rental apartments and owner-occupied homes was referred to by several speakers opposing the petitions. Smith observed that if all vacant property were developed fully in accord with existing zoning the city of Greenbelt would ultimately have in excess of 10,000 rental apartment units, as compared to 1,600 owner-occupied town houses and 1,800 single-family, detached houses. "With 75% of all dwelling units to be apartments under existing zoning, the needs in Greenbelt are not for more apartments," he argued.

Hayden stressed that a more appropriate balance is 50% single-family homes. Kahler replied that Greenbelt is not a balanced community, it never will be, and in some ways never has been.

The city recommended that most of parcel 15 be retained at its present zoning category of R-55 (single - family homes). Mayor Smith stated that the southern side of Greenbelt Lake had been plan-

ned since 1957 for low-density residential development and that the city's recommendations would continue that type of development on the petitioned property in the vicinity of the lake. He also pointed out that the City Council adopted a resolution to acquire two acres of parcel 15 adjoining the lake for park purposes. The land south of Prince James (including the 5 acres petitioned for commercial) was recommended by the city for R-30 zoning.

Homeowners Concerned

Individual homeowners testified that the land being proposed for R-18 is within sight of their single-family homes. They feared that the intensive development of the adjacent land would result in lower property values and that homeowners would experience difficulty when selling. Harold Siegel and William Lane of Lakecrest pointed to the many single-family home surrounding Greenbelt Lake and to the need for keeping the land near the lake in conformity with single-family development.

In rebuttal, Kahler and Tuemmler asserted that parcel 15 is not suitable for single-family homes because of the adverse effects of the Capital Beltway (traffic noise, etc.) Hayden noted that expensive homes had been located along some major highways in the area.

Kahler asked the planner how the city justified R-30 for the southern part and not the northern part of parcel 15. Hayden emphasized that one has to look at the development of Greenbelt as a whole and not at just one isolated parcel.

Several witnesses stressed the historic importance of Greenbelt

BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

Two morning worship services will be held on Easter Sunday morning at the Greenbelt Baptist Church at 8:30 and 11 a.m. At the 8:30 o'clock service the Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. S. Jasper Morris will sing the special anthem, "Easter Morning," by Tschalkowski. At the 11 o'clock Worship Service the Chancel Choir will sing two anthems, "Early On That Easter Day" (Brahms) and "Christ Is Arisen From the Dead" (Poole). Mrs. John Aleksak is director of the chancel choir. Pastor S. Jasper Morris will preach on the subject, "The Resurrection - Past, Present, Future."

At the Evening Worship Service at 6 p.m. the youth choir will sing and Pastor Morris will preach.

Members and friends of Greenbelt Baptist Church are invited to worship at one of the morning worship services and to return at 6 p.m. for the evening worship service. Nursery facilities will be provided for all three services.

PURIM SERVICES AT J.C.C.

The Jewish community will celebrate an ancient and traditional holiday on Saturday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Westway and Ridge Rd. The holiday of Purim - the Feast of Esther - celebrates the rescue from destruction of the Jewish Community of ancient Persia 2300 years ago.

The story is told in the "Megillah" - the book (scroll) of Esther - which will be read at the service. This first reading of the Scroll in Greenbelt by Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg will be through the courtesy of Rabbi Morris Sandhaus, long-time friend of the community of Greenbelt, who is lending one of these scrolls to the J.C.C. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are invited.

as a planned community. Robert Crowley expressed his feeling that the parcel 15 decision can have far-reaching effects on whether Greenbelt will remain a low-density community. Clifford Simonson pointed to the many community characteristics that in his opinion are a reflection of good city planning - "excellent safety record, good citizenship, active participation by citizens in community affairs and education."

Commercial attacked

The proposal for 5 acres of commercial next to the American Legion came in for heavy fire. Calling the proposal "horrendous," Nanna pointed to the fact that the property had no access except through the service driveway of the American Legion and the residential area of Charlestowne Village. Tuemmler explained that the owners had told him that the State Roads Commission would approve an entrance directly into parcel 15, but Nanna said that there was no guarantee of this.

Smith observed that one of the concepts of the Master Plan was to keep commercial strip zoning off Greenbelt Road to the east of Kenilworth.

City manager Giese and Hayden testified that there was no need for further commercial zoning, citing the unused space in Centerway shopping center (basement of co-op, old city offices) the commercial land to the west of Kenilworth Avenue, and the Schrom properties to the east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Others testifying or submitting written statements opposing the petitions were Gerald Gough, Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Joan Conway, Gordon Allen, Harvey Geller and Elizabeth Maffay.

About 40 persons were in the audience from Greenbelt. County Commissioners Francis Francois, Francis Aluisi and Bayne Brooke were present. Chairman Gladys Spellman was absent because of illness in her family.

Leonard A. Baron

Leonard A. Baron, 19-M Ridge, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died of a heart attack at the National Institute of Health. Rabbi Martin Horowitz, of New York City, officiated at the family services held Tuesday at the Hebrew Memorial Funeral Home in Takoma Park. Burial was in King David Memorial Garden, Falls Church.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held Sunday, April 2nd, time and place to be announced.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Ruth, daughter Wendy at the University of Maryland, daughter Naomi at Brandeis University at Waltham, Massachusetts, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Twersky.

Born in 1919, Leonard Baron was educated at the College of the City of New York, took courses toward a doctorate at American University, and was employed by the federal government for over 25 years as an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He was often seen at Council meetings, and had participated in various positions with Greenbelt Homes, GCS, Twin Pines, Great Books, and Rapidan Camps.

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 8:00 p.m., Holy Communion Service at The University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, Md.
 Good Friday: 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for grades 1 through 4 in the Sanctuary for "The Joy of Easter."
 8:00 p.m. Tenebrae services in the Church Sanctuary conducted by the Rev. Perry Miller, Greenbelt Methodist Church.
 Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Family Service. No Church School. "The Joy of Easter" will be presented by the Church School youth. The older youth will present a meditation on the theme "Easter Means: We Have A Story to Tell."
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. The Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini will speak on "What the Marys Found on Resurrection Morn." Child care in 2-B. No church school.
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 23, Ecumenical Communion Service at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, at 8 p.m.
 Good Friday, March 24, 8 p.m. Tenebrae Service at the Greenbelt Community Church.
 Easter, March 26, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Rd. Church School will be at 9:30 a.m.

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 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Community Church News

The youth of the Greenbelt Community Church will partake of "The Agape Meal" at 6 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, at which time they will reflect on the meaning of Holy Week. On Good Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary, The Rev. Perry Miller, of the Mowatt Methodist Church, will conduct the service of Tenebrae or "shadows." At this time scriptures are read on the theme of Christ's followers deserting Him, and lights are extinguished, reminding us of our Lord's approaching death.

There will be two services on Easter Morning. At the 9:30 a.m. Family service, the dramatization, "The Joy of Easter," will be presented by the younger children and a meditation, "Easter Means: We Have a Story to Tell," will be given by the older youth. The Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini, the Central Atlantic Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ will speak on "What the Marys Found On Resurrection Morn." There will be no Church School, but there will be child care in 2-B Hillside.

Lloyd L. Nelson

Lloyd L. Nelson, 108 Lynbrook Court, died February 15, 1967. A long-time resident of Greenbelt, Mr. Nelson lived at 45-L Ridge for twenty-eight years. He is survived by his wife, Bernice; his son, Robert; his daughter, Lorene Hanna; and seven grandchildren, Randy, Christine and Jimmy Nelson, and Ruth, Sarah, Clifford and Maria Hanna.

BOXWOOD CIVIC ASS'N.

The Boxwood Civic Association will hold its first annual dance 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday, April 1, in the American Legion Home. Music will be by the Ron Lewis quintet; for information and tickets, contact Sue Simko, 34-2983.

The next regular meeting of the association will take place in the American Legion Home 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5. The last meeting was on March 1, with City Manager Jim Giese as guest speaker, talking on municipal government and related fields.

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Art Guild Critique

The next critique of the Greenbelt Art Guild will be held on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Travel Club to Visit Expo '67 at Montreal

The Greenbelt Travel Club will sponsor a four day deluxe tour to the Canadian World's Fair, Expo '67, over the Memorial Day Weekend, departing from Greenbelt on May 27 and returning on May 30. The pavilions of the 73 nations represented offer a memorable glimpse into a fascinating foreign way of life. The tour features two days in Montreal, two EXPO '67 passports, a sightseeing tour of Montreal, a boatripe on Lake Champlain, and a buffet dinner.

As on our previous tours, seats on the bus will be reserved. It will be necessary to pay a non-refundable deposit with the balance due by May 1st. See the advertisement in the News Review for further details.

Third Symphony Concert

The Greenbelt Symphony Society wishes to remind subscribers of the third concert in the current series, on Thursday, Mar. 30, at 8:15 p.m. in the Greenbelt Junior High School Auditorium.

JOG-ALONG SATURDAY

The monthly Jog-Along of 1 1/2 miles, during which participants will run at their own pace, will be held at Braden Field on Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to those who participate regularly in this non-competitive physical fitness program.

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Muirkirk Landfill

Further correspondence from the Woman's Club, about the proposed use of land at Muirkirk for a sanitary landfill, evoked discussion on what position the city should take. Smith described the issue as being one of choosing the lesser of two evils; he noted that the Kenilworth dump has had a very bad effect on the nearby area of Washington. Councilman Dick Pilski moved, however, to put the city on record as objecting to a landfill operation at Muirkirk. Councilman David Champion dissented, because he felt a compromise was necessary, and Prince Georges County did have land available for landfills. Pilski's motion passed 3-1.

Lake Park Concessions

The Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the city consider a proposal of the SCH Corporation to operate recreation concessions at Greenbelt Lake, under a franchise. George Cantwell, speaking for the corporation, explained that a dock for boats and paddleboats (foot-operated) was envisaged, with perhaps a food concession. He made clear that there would be no liability to the city, with approval first being obtained from the city's legal staff. From three to seven youths would be employed. At the end of the lease period the land used would be restored to its original state. One citizen demurred somewhat, expressing reservations about the effect of this operation on the lake's natural setting. Smith gave assurances however, that commercial operations would not be allowed to take over the lake to any great extent. He suggested that the proposal be referred to the city manager for a fuller discussion.

Wuermser Statement

An impromptu debate on the interpretation of some statements by Wuermser, made at the public hearing at Center School last January 30, took place between Wuermser and members of council. Smith explained that the matter had only come up again, after an earlier discussion, because several citizens had requested a clarification of Wuermser's remarks. Wuermser replied that he had not implied any improper actions on the part of the city, but meant there were possibly illegal actions, which would be difficult to prove. The difference between Wuermser's position and the city's position was finally agreed to be a difference of value judgements, without any hidden issues. Smith and Councilman Frances White expressed the opinion, at the end, that Wuermser had done a fine job on the Advisory Planning Board.

Citizen Complaints

Walter Mann, speaking for residents of Gardenway, voiced objections to the manner of operation of the Flying A service station. He complained about the parking of trucks on Gardenway, and the noise and activities after hours. Smith suggested that the police department contact the parties involved, and that the city manager report back at a later meeting.

Two citizens expressed opposition to the special exception, recently granted by District Council, for a swimming pool and bath-

Recreation Review

by Darald Lofgren
Director of Recreation

Teen Club Chatter

The McConkey Brothers, accompanied by the Mystic Knights, will return to the Youth Center this Saturday night, from 8 to 11 p.m. Over 300 teenagers enjoyed their last appearance in our gym, so make plans to arrive early.

On April 8, the Greenbelt Teen Club, in cooperation with the Prince Georges County Recreation Department, will sponsor a benefit for the Prince Georges County Heart Fund at the Greenbelt Armory. Playing for this occasion will be Lawrence and the Arabians. Advanced tickets may be purchased by Teen Club members for one-half the regular admission price. All tickets, at the door, will be sold at the full admission price.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Greenbelt's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Lake Park Saturday, March 25, at 9 a.m. All hunters and spectators are to meet in the parking lot. In case of rain, the hunt will

house at the University Square apartments. They asked on what grounds this could have been granted. White and Smith both thought there was very little chance for an appeal from the decision, since probably all the formal requirements had been met. Smith, however, left the door open for further discussion if any other pertinent information was obtained.

Tidbits

Mayor Smith gave high praise to city manager James Giese for his large part in the city's successful condemnation suit and also in the hearing on Parcel 15, where "we presented the best possible defense, due in great part to Mr. Giese." Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 23, presented a citation to the city of Greenbelt for its support.

be held Monday, March 27, at 9 a.m. Mr. Bunny will be on hand to start the hunt and give out the prizes. The children will be divided into four groups - pre-school, 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, and 5th and 6th graders. Make plans, now, to come.

Youth Center Easter Holiday Schedule

The following schedule will be in effect Friday, 24 and Monday, 27:

- 9-10:30 a.m. Roller Skating (1st, 2nd, 3rd grade)
- Ping Pong, Games (4th, 5th, 6th grade)
- 10:30 - 12 noon Roller Skating (4th, 5th, 6th grade)
- Ping Pong, Games (1st, 2nd, 3rd grade)
- 1 - 5:30 p.m. Building open for Teens (Basketball, Ping Pong, Games)

Men's Slow Pitch Softball

There will be an organizational meeting of all men interested in the Slow-Pitch League, Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Center. A representative from the Greater Washington Softball Umpires Association will be present for a Rules Clinic.

Men's Basketball

The teams in the City League will begin a Single Elimination Tournament for League Championship on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The Greenbelt County League team won Sunday night to give them a solid first place lead. Next Sunday will be the last game of the League. Greenbelt will take on Lustine Chevrolet at 7:30 p.m., Bladensburg High School.

Class Registrations

Registration for guitar lessons, for children 8 years old and older, will be held at the Youth Center on Wednesday and Thursday, March 29 and 30, from 4 - 5 p.m. Ballet and Trampoline registration, for school age children, will be held on Saturday mornings, for 10 weeks, at the same price.

Letter Writing Urged

Mayor Edgar L. Smith urged this week citizen support of a bill introduced by Senator Edward Conroy to make the perimeter road in Greenbelt a State highway and place it in the State Roads Commission program.

He asked Greenbelters to write supporting letters to Thomas H. Lowe, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, State House, Annapolis which is considering the bill.

"We need to stress" Smith said, "the immediate need for such a road in light of the location of the three-school complex on the land-locked tract near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway."

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