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## NEWS REVIEW LOSES LIBEL SUIT, JURY SETS \$ 17,500 DAMAGES

by Harry Zubkoff

Developer Charles Bresler won his libel suit against the *Greenbelt News Review*, instituted in July 1966, when a Upper Marlboro jury found the newspaper and its president, Alfred Skolnik, guilty of libel, and ordered \$17,500 damages to be paid to the plaintiff. A glum group of Greenbelters witnessed the closing moments of the trial, which has gripped the community's interest during the past week.

After 5 days of testimony and arguments before Circuit Judge Robert B. Mathias, the trial ended on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 9. The jury deliberated for about three hours before reaching its verdict. Finding for the plaintiff, it awarded Charles Bresler a total of \$17,500 - \$5,000 in compensatory damages and \$12,500 in punitive damages. The defendant Alfred Skolnik heard the verdict calmly, but *News Review* partisans in the audience of the hushed courtroom were visibly shocked. The newspaper corporation was a co-defendant in the two million dollar lawsuit.

Counsel for the plaintiff, Abraham Chasanow, had based his case mainly on the charge that Skolnik and the newspaper had spearheaded a community-wide effort to discredit Bresler in Greenbelt, and that they had knowingly and with malice published false information about the plaintiff in a deliberate attempt to damage his reputation. Roger A. Clark and David Reich, counsels for the defense, had argued that the statements about Bresler published by the *News Review* represented fair comment about his public dealings as a land developer in Greenbelt. Furthermore, they argued that Bresler was a public figure, and newspaper comments about him were within the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press.

According to Chasanow, there existed a strong connection between Skolnik and the *News Review*, the Citizens For a Planned Greenbelt (CFPG) and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., as well as members of the City Council and others. Two years ago, it was asserted, CFPG organized a fund-raising drive to finance legal actions; the money was later used in a lawsuit, in which a number of Greenbelt residents are suing for damages and in which Bresler and Chasanow are defendants.

Moreover, he said, in reporting on two City Council meetings, the *News Review* had quoted local citizens who had, in effect, characterized Bresler's proposals to Council as "blackmail." By imputing this serious crime to the plaintiff, Chasanow charged, the newspaper had damaged his reputation. Clark, on the other hand, did not argue that the charge of blackmail was true, but attempted to make clear that the term "blackmail", as used in the context of the articles in question, did not imply any criminal charge.

Clark noted there was wide community concern about Bresler's activities in connection with land development in Greenbelt. Expressions of this concern at city council

### WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Jan. 11, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Friday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. Open Meeting, Freedom of the Press, Municipal Bldg.

Friday, Jan. 12, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Monday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Special Meeting, Lakeside Citizens Assoc. with City Council - Municipal Bldg.

meetings, he said, were faithfully reported in the paper.

Chasanow's summation, in addition to listing the charges, also included his view of the *News Review's* financial resources. In case the jury was worried about the paper's ability to pay damages, he declared, it should note that the *News Review* was richer than the metropolitan papers (the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Star*) since it was able to give the paper away free to 4,000 residents of the community each week. Based on a price of ten cents a copy, he reckoned, the 200,000 copies given away each year added up to about \$20,000 given away by the paper each year.

### Alien Registration Month

January is alien registration month, when all aliens residing in the U.S. must, by law, register their addresses. Suitable forms may be obtained at any U.S. Post Office. After being filled, the forms must be handed in by the alien himself; they may not be mailed instead.

### Lakeside Assoc. Meetings

A special meeting of the Lakeside Citizens' Association will take place 8 p.m. Monday, January 15, in the council meeting room of the Greenbelt Municipal building. The meeting will be attended by the Greenbelt City Council, who will discuss problems of Lakeside with the members of the association.

## Council Hears Lakesider's Complaints; Acts To Place SHL Crossing Guard

by Sid Kastner

The Lakeside Citizens Association, through spokesman H. Jascourt, at Monday night's City Council meeting, voiced several complaints in the areas of general maintenance and policing. Following his presentation council engaged in a search for mutual understanding and appropriate remedies, which took up the better part of the meeting. In another area, council agreed that the proper location of the much talked-about perimeter road now appears to be a matter of urgency. In further action, the Recreation Advisory Board presented some operational recommendations, and proposed pieces of State legislation were endorsed or discussed by the council.

The citizens' group, claiming that Lakeside was being neglected in comparison to the rest of the city, cited seven specific problems that needed immediate attention. These were: speeders and loose dogs, lake pollution, lack of certain playground equipment, lack of necessary access paths, spraying as a hazard to health, blocking of driveways by the snow plows, and lack of guiding signs on Westway.

To help solve the first problem, they suggested a self-policing arrangement whereby the citizens would note the names of violators

on forms, sending copies to the city staff. The city would then impose fines according to the number of violations. They emphasized that this would be aimed only at habitual offenders. City solicitor E. Nanna stated, however, that this arrangement would be unconstitutional and could not be enforced. He and councilman Dick Pilski and Gerald Gough noted that there already existed a city ordinance under which complaining citizens could swear out warrants, upon which the offender would be

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## Parcel 2 School Site Upheld By Maryland Court Of Appeals

In a 4 to 1 split verdict, the Court of Appeals of Maryland ruled Friday, January 5, that the Prince Georges school board had acted within its rights in selecting parcel 2 in Greenbelt as the site for a new high school. The suit, initiated by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), was heard before the court on Tuesday, November 7, 1967 following its dismissal November 30, 1966, by Judge Ralph W. Powers of Prince Georges Circuit Court.

Two legal points figured prominently in the case: the question whether the school board was acting within its rights; and the action of the lower court, which permitted the school board to revise its legal case while the suit was being heard. On the first point, GHI claimed that the board had acted arbitrarily, capriciously and in breach of its trust, and should be therefore enjoined from building a senior high school on parcel 2. The second point revolved around a decision by Judge Powers, permitting the board to withdraw its answer to the bill of complaint and file a second demurrer (a pre-

vious one having been overruled) which he then sustained, thus dismissing GHI's bill of complaint.

### The Majority Opinion

In the majority opinion by Chief Justice Hall Hammond and Justices William J. McWilliams, Frederick J. Singley, Jr. and Thomas Finan, the court ruled that the two contentions were not sufficient to overturn the School Board's decision. In establishing the right of the school board to select the site, the court cited the following, from a previous case in which a decision of a school board was challenged:

"If the proposed act in establishing the high school be within the scope of the authority delegated, as it clearly is, it is not competent to a court of equity to restrain the exercise of the discretion of the commissioners given by the statute, unless it be clearly shown that the power has been, or is about to be, corruptly and fraudulently used."

On the procedure of the Circuit Court, the ruling commented:

"We think the trial court had power to act as he did and that he did not abuse his discretion in so acting. Rule 320a4 directs the court at any stage to 'disregard any error or defect in . . . pleadings . . . which does not affect the substantial rights of the parties.'"

### Judge Barnes' Dissent

In his dissenting opinion, Judge Wilson K. Barnes concurred with GHI's contention that the case should have been heard on its merits. He said that the allegations of the bill of complaint, with their reasonable implications, seemed to him to indicate that the school board had acted arbitrarily and capriciously and breached its trust as a public body.

"In my opinion," Judge Barnes noted, "there are sufficient allegations of fact . . . that the board has abdicated its judgment . . . and that the selection of the 55 acre tract, was not, *prima facie*, made upon considerations arising from the public interest."

Judge Barnes stressed the strong support given by Greenbelt's city council to the choice of parcel 15 as a high school site. "Greenbelt is not just another municipality," he declared in this connection, "but it is a very special one conceived as a planned community by the President and the Congress of the United States as early as 1935, so that, it may be reasonably inferred, the Board believed that the recommendation of the governing body of this unusual, if not unique, planned community would be of great value to it in making the selection of the high school site."

Judge Barnes also dissented on the Circuit Court's action in permitting the school board to withdraw its answer to the complaint and to file a second demurrer.

## The Police Blotter

Two boys were apprehended and charged with breaking and entering at Charlestowne Village. They will be tried in Juvenile Court.

Two escapees from Spring Grove Hospital were intercepted by Greenbelt Police and returned to the institution.

PFC John Krob will attend a course in Scientific Investigation of Crime at the Southern Police Institute to be held at the University of Louisville, Jan. 9 - 19.

Chief Lane has released the following summaries for the year 1967:

### Juveniles:

Total number arrested - 233  
Handled within Department - 158  
Sent to Juvenile Court - 68  
Referred to their jurisdictions - 4  
Referred to adult court - 3  
There were 28 run-aways, three of them girls.

For the month of December there were 127 arrests, 177 written warnings, 95 traffic summons, 9 criminal cases, 23 juvenile.

## A CALL TO THE PEOPLE OF GREENBELT

From Greenbelt

### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE

The *Greenbelt News Review* has suffered an initial setback in the libel case brought against it by Charles Bresler.

In a very real sense, the community has been on trial along with the *News Review* and Mr. Alfred Skolnik, president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

The Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee calls the people of Greenbelt to a meeting to discuss necessary proposals and steps to help carry the case through an appeal of the decision.

We Ask You To Come To The City Council Room on Friday, January 12, at 8 p.m.

## COME TO THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Charles F. Schwan, Albert K. Herling  
Co-Chairmen

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### Festival Committee Meets

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 29 at 8 p.m. in the CO-OP Hospitality Room.

The meeting has been called by Festival Chairman Leo Gerton and members of the steering committee in order to present a financial report. The committee also expects to set up a list of rules and regulations for future festivals.

Representatives of all interested organizations in Greenbelt are urgently requested to attend.

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Letters to the Editor

A New Year Hope

To the Editor:

My wife, Ramona, and I would like to wish all our friends in Greenbelt the best possible New Year. We also hope that the year will find a majority of the G.H.I. Board agreeing that new townhouses financed under Section #221-D-3 of the National Housing Act will be in the best interests of the G.H.I. membership. Since G.H.I. could keep control of the land for a 221-D-3 (3% interest) development, keep control of the project for two years, and continue to have a representative on the 221 coop's board after 2 years, the G.H.I. Board hopefully will unite to promote such a project soon. Since the Federal Housing Administration is now processing insured loans faster than ever before, such action could mean moderate priced houses soon for G.H.I.'s large families.

Norman L. Kilpatrick

Pilot Ground School

Registration is continuing for a Private Pilot Ground school to meet at SHL Community Center. The class will meet for 10 weeks beginning Tuesday, January 16, at 8 p.m. Instruction will cover all phases of ground training, including the use of the flight computer, plotter, explanation of Federal Air Regulations and discussion of certain flight procedures. There will be a tour of nearby airport facilities as well as lectures, films, and class discussion. Persons successfully completing the course will have the knowledge needed to pass the FAA written examination for Private Pilot.

Anyone from 15 years of age is welcome; in fact, any number of persons from the same family may enroll with a special price of \$30 maximum per family. Individual cost is \$15. Meetings will be every Tuesday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. Reservations must be made before Friday, January 12 and can be made by calling 474-4555. The class is being presented by Executive Aviation Services of College Park.

Weight Watchers

Mrs. Rose Friedland, director of Weight Watchers of Washington, D. C., Inc., is pleased to announce the opening of a new evening class in the Springhill Lake Community House, Tuesday evening, January 16 at 8 p.m. She also conducts a morning group every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Mrs. Friedland's aim in life is to help stamp out obesity. To date our weight losses have exceeded 250,000 lbs. in the metropolitan area. For free information call their main office, 593-2818, after 7 p.m., 474-7295 or 434-3221.

Insecurity Complex

To the Editor:

This is in regard to the GHI charge hike for 1968. At the very least a \$3.00 hike for the reasons given is excessive, to penalize frame house dwellers every year is unfair and uncalled for and I cannot understand why the contingency fund does not take care of special needs as it was intended to do, especially since it has been fed by these increases every year.

I object to this hike, not on the grounds of the present increase—although it is excessive—but because it seems to be a standard policy of GHI to increase its charges every January 1. It has done so for the past several years, if not every year. As a soon-to-be retired, charter member of GHI, I am alarmed at what this may mean to me in years to come. If GHI is allowed to raise my payments \$3.00 each year and I live even ten years after retirement, that would mean my payments would be raised \$30.00 or to at least \$100.00 a month payment by the end of that period. Living on my retirement, that would be a definite hardship.

There are already many retirees living in Greenbelt and quite a few of these are living on minimum funds. These yearly increases create a definite insecurity among people of more or less fixed incomes.

Besides this I have talked to many frame house dwellers and cannot find any one of them who has had any but minor repairs done on their houses in the last five years. If we break a window, or damage a wall, we are responsible and have to repair it out of our own pockets. I, myself, have lived in two units in Greenbelt since 1943 and am sure that GHI has spent less than \$300 on both places since it took over from the Government. One can't even get painting of the outside done. The best one can do is get the organization to furnish the paint. Yet at least 50% of the monthly payment goes for this contingency—that would be at least \$300 a year on every unit; the rest goes for a very small moratorium fee, taxes, and services (heat, water and garbage disposal).

Bettie G. Denson

Public Hearings

Public hearings will begin at the end of the month on proposed plans for rapid transit in the county. The Suburban Transit Commission will meet on Jan. 29, 8 p.m., at the Oxon Hill High School; Jan. 30, 8 p.m., Upper Marlboro Courthouse; Jan. 31, 2 p.m., Hyattsville County Service Bldg.

Charlton Sickles has moved from chairman to vice-chairman of the Commission, which has given rise to further speculation that he is interested in running for Hervey Machen's seat in Congress. Cleatus E. Barnett, Montgomery County councilman, is the newly-elected chairman.

Council Hears Complaints

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fined. They felt the answer was to enforce this ordinance more vigorously.

Lake Pollution

The Lakeside group also complained that oil and filth was collecting in one corner of the lake, posing as a health hazard as well as being an eyesore. Jascourt called this condition "water pollution," in the legal sense, and said that a letter he had received from the city manager was not a satisfactory reply. He asked for an ordinance to control the problem. Manager Giese replied that most of the oil was washed into the lake from all the cars in the watershed, which was most of Greenbelt; this would be impossible to control, though other sources of it, such as dumping by service stations, had been stopped. However, Jascourt's suggestion of a periodic clean-up of the lake area met with agreement by Giese and Mayor Smith; this will be undertaken. A comprehensive anti-pollution ordinance will be drawn up also by the city staff.

The association's spokesman then detailed other grievances. He said complaints had been received concerning the mosquito spraying program from people with allergies who wish to be more adequately forewarned than by the yearly notice in the News Review. Playground equipment had still not been provided for the recreation area at the foot of Olivewood court, though it had been promised. Signs were needed at the south end of Westway to direct cars along Westway to the city center, thereby relieving Lakeside of much traffic.

Manager Giese said at the outset of his reply, "I'm as much interested in the welfare of the 120 families on Lakeside as in the 6,000 in the rest of the city." He felt that there was a lack of communication because some of his statements had been misunderstood. He answered the general charge of neglect by Lakeside by listing about \$25,000 worth of improvements which the city had carried out recently in this area. The manager and city council together spent some time discussing what concrete steps might be taken on each problem and then agreed to hold a special meeting to explore solutions with the citizens' association. This will be held Monday evening, January 15 (see announcement elsewhere in this issue).

Perimeter Road

The need for a perimeter road for Greenbelt is now urgent, Mayor Smith pointed out, following the latest decision by the Appeals Court against Greenbelt Homes, Inc., in its suit against the Board of Education. He suggested a meeting soon with the School Board on the matter of the road's route. Giese noted that the city has not as yet decided on a preferred route, though it has opposed the present plans. Edward Wuermser, of the Advisory Planning Board, requested that the APB be included in the proposed conference, which the council agreed to.

Several pieces of state legislation, supported by the Prince Georges County Municipal Association were described to the council by Mayor Smith. One proposed bill would require a two-thirds vote of District Council to approve any special exception contrary to the wishes of a municipality; another would require the Board of Education to choose school sites which have been approved by municipalities under master plans. Bills such as these were endorsed unanimously by the council. There was

some disagreement, however, on two bills in particular. One of these would put the new state constitution to the people at a special election, the other would make possible "conditional zoning" by the District Council. The merits and defects of both of these bills were debated at some length, in an interesting discussion, but both were finally endorsed, though not by unanimous votes.

Thomas Dugan, of the Recreation Advisory Board, read several recommendations for changes in the ordinances under which the board operates the Youth Center, Swimming Pool, and other facilities. Most of these changes would make permits mandatory for use of the buildings, lake area, etc. A calendar of use of the meeting rooms is to be publicly displayed, and organizations would have to submit written requests for their use.

School Crossing

A school crossing at Springhill Lake, which kindergarten children must presently cross and which is unattended, will be guarded in the near future by safety patrols, according to a letter received from Commissioner Bayne Brooke. However, the danger already exists, and manager Giese stated he would try to assign a temporary guard there immediately.

Councilman Francis White brought to the attention of the council a proposal that a particular section of the new library be allocated to historical material about Greenbelt. This was endorsed informally as "a good idea."

Manager Giese noted that a meeting will be held at the County Service Building in Hyattsville on January 11 at 8 p.m. to hear proposed legislation that would require municipalities to have county consent for annexations and similar actions. Mayor Smith moved to put the city of Greenbelt on record as opposing this, and the council members expressed intention to attend.

The next regular city council meeting will be held Monday, January 22.

Woman's Club News

The January membership meeting of the Greenbelt Woman's Club will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the Social Hall of the Community Church. Feature of the evening will be showing of the U. S. Treasury Department Film, "The Land We Love." Chairman is Mrs. Mary Henry. Guests will be welcome.

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Department will be Tuesday, January 16 at 8:15 p.m. in the Greenbelt Homes Hospitality Room. A Russian Ballet film will be shown, and all members and their guests are invited to attend. Hostesses will be Mrs. Bernice Nelson and Mrs. Mary Henry.

Members' needling transportation to Red Cross Bloodmobile programs (or to the Fine Arts Meeting) are asked to get in touch with Mrs. 'Cis' Powers, Program Chairman. Blood is in very short supply and some of our regular workers have been ill, so any who can contribute a few hours to this important work will be making a real contribution.

City Notes

As proof positive that winter has really arrived, the city gave official approval to the use of the Greenbelt lake as a skating rink. Skating was supervised there by the Recreation Dept. on Saturday and Sunday. To warm the frozen feet and hands of skaters, the Public Works Dept. furnished a blazing bonfire from discarded Christmas trees. Skating will continue as a supervised program as long as the weather remains cold.

Ironically, newly designed "No Skating" signs had gone up around the lake the day before skating was allowed. These signs, bearing silhouette pictures, were designed by Jackie Stevenson, who worked last summer as administrative assistant to the city manager.

Last weekend the Public Works Dept. again had a snow removal job. Using the same system they had tried out the week before in which each of four sections of the city was assigned to a different snowplow, the crew was able to keep streets passable. Between 3 and 10 p.m. on Saturday they salted streets and did a small amount of plowing.

Another winter-time job also occupied a two-man team for a day—removing Christmas decorations from the municipal building and the city's Christmas tree. Two trucks also worked through the week on refuse collection. All residences had trash pick-ups at least twice.

Teen Programs At Library

If you are a teenager and like to sing, play a guitar, enjoy fellowship and creative activities, then the place for you this January is at a branch of Prince Georges County Memorial Library.

A variety of programs, sponsored by the library's Young Adult Department, provide opportunities for fellowship and creative activities under skilled supervision. Hyattsville Branch will hold a Folk Sing on the 16th and an Idea Night and Program Planning Session on January 23, both at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

"We offer programs that stimulate and amuse young people as well as giving them a chance to let off steam," said Miss Julia Losinski, Young Adult Coordinator.

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Dr. Dale A. Stover, Pastor

- 9:30 a.m. - Church School, grade 5 through adults.
- 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship. Church School, Nursery through grade 4. Infant care, 2-B Hillside.
- 11:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour Fellowship. Social Hall.
- 5:00 p.m. - Sr. High Fellowship. Social Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting.


9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Training Union  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
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*Our Neighbors*

by Elaine Skolnik 474-6060  
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Airman Robert W. Mogel Jr., son



**EAGLE SCOUT REX MULLER**

Eagle Scout Rex Muller of Troop 746 has recently earned this highest rank of scouting, which will be formally awarded to him at the Court of Honor on the 19th of January. This ceremony will be held in the Greenbelt Methodist Church at 8 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Rex, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Muller of 10 Lakeview Circle, has been in scouting three years and is the first member of the troop in five years to reach the rank of Eagle. For his community service project, one of the Eagle requirements, he organized and supervised the collection of two truckloads of material for Goodwill Industries.

Rex is 14 years old, attends Greenbelt Junior High School and is a member of St. Hugh's Parish.

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of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mogel, 45-T Ridge, has completed basic training at Amarillo AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Presidio of Monterey, Calif., for specialized school as a language specialist. Airman Mogel, a 1966 graduate of High Point High School attended Prince Georges Community College, Suitland, Md.

Congratulations to News Review staffer Sandra Barnes, whose new son, Alexander Edward Barnes, Jr., was born Tuesday, January 9. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. The Barneses live at 19-B Hillside.

City Manager James K. Giese has returned from a Christmas vacation trip to Milwaukee, where he visited his parents. Administrative Assistant Gary Stenhouse spent Christmas weekend in Rhode Island.

**MEN'S VOLLEY BALL**

The Greenbelt Men's Club continues to play volley ball every Thursday evening at 7:30 in the gym of the Greenbelt Junior High School. All men interested in playing, are urged to attend so that a league can be formed. For further information call 474-9169.

**NOTICE**

GHI homeowners who are 65 years old and over and whose total income is \$5,000 per year or less, may be eligible for relief from real estate taxes for the year 1968.

Please contact the Comptroller's Office (474-6601) for the necessary forms to file with the County. The forms must be reviewed at Upper Marlboro by March 1, 1968.



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**Annual Report**

**OPERATING STATEMENT**

	1967	1966
Our Income Totaled	\$ 126,557	\$ 101,023
Our Expenses were	47,639	38,146
Our Net Income was	78,918	62,877
We Paid in Dividends	62,391	51,146
We Added to Reserves	16,527	11,731

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

	December 31	
	1967	1966
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Bank	\$ 16,345	\$ 21,814
Loans to Members	1,527,732	1,287,129
Other Assets	929	811
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,545,006</b>	<b>\$1,309,754</b>

**LIABILITIES & RESERVES**

Members' Savings	\$1,437,522	\$1,167,114
Notes Payable	35,000	85,000
Withheld Taxes	320	252
Reserves	72,164	57,388
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,545,006</b>	<b>\$1,309,754</b>

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## Where To Go... DAVID P. STERN

There are certain things that come to a person naturally as long as he lives in the proper surroundings. One can hardly reside in Green Bay without becoming a football expert, or grow up in France without acquiring a taste for wines. And, we guess, one can hardly be a Greenbelt resident without becoming at the same time an authority on planned cities, vitally concerned when such newfangled towns as Reston and Columbia crop up in his neighborhood. Or so, at least, it seems.

Of the two mentioned, Columbia is the newer and more ambitious. Reston, we all know, has come on relatively hard times, the victim of some of the pitfalls lurking at the feet of all planners of "new towns." Columbia is still in its first glory - confident, expansive and glittering, a pretty sight to see with few ifs and buts. We know: we have seen it, and so can you, by driving out towards Baltimore on Rte. 29, which bounds the new city.

### The City's Layout

Like Reston, Columbia is planned as a cluster of "Villages," each with its own community center. In addition, there is a city center, with office buildings and more extensive shopping facilities.

So far, only one such village center has been built - rather lavishly, probably in order to entice visitors with hopes of things to come - and there is a start on the Town Center, facing Rte. 29 across a long artificial lake. Not far from it is the well-publicized Merriweather Post pavilion, where music lovers may listen to open air concerts in the good old summertime.

The center is as good a place as any to begin one's visit to Columbia. You may park your car there and take, for a token fee, a 45-minute guided tour aboard a small bus (which we do not guarantee to be operating in midwinter!). Or else, one can first visit a colorful world's-fair style exhibit, pick up a map folder and follow the signs marking Columbias self-guided tour. If there is any time to spare, be sure to walk down to the stylish lake promenade.

### Overall Impressions

It is hard not to be struck by the similarities between Columbia and Greenbelt. Each of the planned "villages" is roughly the size of original Greenbelt, and the village center - including, in close proximity, supermarket, swimming pool, library and meeting-hall - resembles a more modern version of our town's. There are even pedestrian

underpasses - hailed, of course, as a great innovation. Though most of the city's 14,000 acres are as yet untouched, there is a brisk construction activity in both private homes and apartments.

There is much that is put up in Columbia - the audio-visual dazzle at the introductory exhibit, the quasi-European parking signs, exotic names such as "Hobbit's Glen" for the golf course. But the earnest air about the place more than balances all this and one feels from the start that a city is being built here, with breadth and vision, not just another subdivision in the suburban quilt.

The test, one feels, will come later: the real test, the test of endurance. For Columbia's ambitious plans are also expensive, as building a community, with "village centers" and other facilities existing from the start, entails an expense which suburban developers usually do not encounter. Will the backers of the project have the financial endurance to support the building of such a community until it is complete? We hope they do - but we have read about Reston. Will the proposed tax rate of 75 cent/\$100 be enough to maintain such a community? Maybe - but having lived in Greenbelt, we wonder. Will Columbia achieve its declared aim as a balanced community of all income levels, or will prices rise with costs, until only the well-to-do can afford them? We think of Reston, and of Greenbelt, and we pray.

There are now close to a thousand residents in Columbia - about one percent of the projected total. It is a new community, still forming, roads still muddy from the construction equipment, though the bright promise is there. Go, visit it now. You may not come away - like our 4-year old daughter did - with the impression that you have been to where Juan Valdez grows his Colombian coffee beans, but you are bound to leave impressed.

## Recreation Review

### Teen Club Chatter

The Greenbelt Teen Club will feature the soulsensational sound of The Lancers this Saturday night at the Youth Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Teen Club members will be admitted at one-half the regular admission fee.

COMING - January 20, Us and the Others. January 27, The McConkey Brothers and The Mystic Knights.

### Drum Lessons

A class is registering to teach percussion instrument fundamentals. Lessons will emphasize basic drumming techniques which may be used in the study of xylophone and timpani. James R. Taylor, Jr., will instruct.

### Winter Swimming

Winter swimming will be offered beginning January 14 for 12 weeks. Any interested swimmers having passed the beginners course should call Jean Jones at 474-6001.

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Arts & Crafts

Classes given on Tuesdays 10 - 12 a.m. in the Youth Center Arts & Crafts rooms. First session classes start January 16 and continue through February 13. The second session starts February 27 and continues through April 2. Classes are limited to 12 persons. Classes will be instructed by Mrs. Evelyn Boggs.

#### Guitar

Classes given on Saturdays in the Youth Center Meeting Room, starting January 27. Class limit is 8. Students must provide their own guitars. Instructor will be Sharon Villines.

#### Ceramics

Beginners class given on Thursdays 8 - 10 p.m. starting January 18 and continuing through February 15. Advanced Beginners classes meet Tuesdays from 8 to 10 p.m., starting January 16 and continuing through February 13. Second Sessions will start the week of February 25.

## FIRE PREVENTION TIP FOR JANUARY

by J. Wenrich - Greenbelt V.F.D.  
Do you practice fire prevention? Every hour 62 families run from their homes because of fire. Every home fire represents a failure - failure to correct hazards or to take precautions.

National Fire Protection Association studies show that in the United States and Canada fire destroys or damages an average of 75 homes every hour of the year.

Practice is the key to family fire safety - observance of fire-safe practices in and around the home, and practice in getting everyone out of the house quickly should fire strike.

Good home fire prevention includes keeping attic, basement and closets free of accumulation of combustible items; frequent disposal of ordinary trash and rubbish; proper care & storage of cleaning agents, paints and gasoline; proper maintenance and use of electrical appliances and heating and cooking equipment; and care with matches and smoking materials.

Family fire drills are an essential part of any home fire safety program. Plan escape routes with at least two ways out of each room - especially bedrooms - and decide upon an outdoor meeting place. Never re-enter a burning house.

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