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APB RECOMMENDATIONS ON ZONING PETITIONS ON COUNCIL AGENDA

Coming up for consideration at the next city council meeting on Monday, November 4, is a series of recommendations by the city's Advisory Planning Board. They deal with zoning applications and plans for Beltway Plaza and a perimeter road.

1) Petition A7893 is a request for C-2 (neighborhood shopping center) zoning by owners of parcel 8 (trustees, John Lewis Kelley and Solomon Grossberg) — the 2.45-acre tract at the entrance to Greenbelt at the corner of Crescent Road and Kenilworth Ave. The land is presently zoned R-55 (single-family homes). The owners of the tract had made the same request in 1966 and were denied by the county commissioners at that time.

The APB in Report #79 recommended denial of the C-2 request on the grounds that the area has not significantly changed in character from the time of the original request, that the revised Area 13 Master Plan prepared by MNCPPC shows this area as R-55, and that the city is considering purchase of this land as parkland to help fill the natural boundaries of Greenbelt Lake Park and provide a scenic entrance to the community.

2) Petition A7913 is a request for a change from R-30 zoning (14 apartment units per acre) to R-18 zoning (21 apartment units per acre) for the 19-acre tract known as Lakeside North (present owners: Sigmund and Mona Goldblatt). This parcel of land was petitioned to a change to R-18 zone in 1962. When the county commissioners created the R-30 zone the then owners amended their petition and asked for R-30. This was granted, and the parcel was developed with R-30 apartment units. The owners again petitioned for rezoning to R-18 in 1965, which was denied as not being in conformance with the Area 13 Plan.

The APB in Report #80 recommended denial of R-18 zoning on the grounds that conditions have not changed since then and that the revised Area 13 plan does not show any change in zoning from the present R-30. The APB also said that R-18 zoning would cause an undue strain on the elementary schools and transportation in that area.

3) First National Realty Corporation has submitted a preliminary subdivision plan for further commercial development of Beltway Plaza (Parcel N). The APB in Report #81 saw this development as placing an additional burden on the presently overburdened single exit from the 3,000+ unit Springhill Lake Apartments, unless Gentry Drive's entire length is dedicated to the city. At present only two short sections of Gentry Drive have been dedicated, even though a substandard road does extend from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt Road. Thus, APB recommended that approval be conditioned on the required dedication of Gentry Drive.

4) The Prince Georges County Board of Education has submitted plans to city council for dedication of school board property on parcel 2 (land between GHI property and Baltimore-Washington Parkway) for a perimeter road. The APB in Report #82 recommends that the city council go on record favoring the relocation of the perimeter road right-of-way. The new route would meet the objections of the city to the originally-suggested westerly route. The APB notes that the plan is acceptable because the land for the road in the school area would come entirely from school board holdings

Dedication Saturday of Roosevelt Memorial Tree

This Saturday afternoon will see the fulfillment of an idea that was almost two years in the making for a permanent living memorial to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. At 2 p.m. on November 2, the Roosevelt Memorial Tree will be formally dedicated. Mrs. Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. James A. Halstead, will be present to unveil the Plaque that has been erected at the tree, which is located on Crescent Road opposite Greenbelt Lake Park.

Warren Joy Vintom, on the staff of the Resettlement Administration at the time Greenbelt was built, will say a few words about the origin and planning of Greenbelt.

The Dedication is sponsored by The Woman's Club of Greenbelt, with Mrs. Carnie O. Harper, Public Affairs, Chairman, spearheading the project. James C. Smith, a long time resident of Greenbelt, planned, designed and engineered the erection of the fence around the tree. Many former residents will attend the Dedication, to which the general public is invited.

For many years, people in Greenbelt have sought to honor Mrs. Roosevelt for her interest in the project of "green towns" begun by her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935. She paid many visits to this area while the first houses were being constructed. It was from the site of the tree that Mrs. Roosevelt spoke at the groundbreaking for Greenbelt in 1935.

On her several visits to Greenbelt, Eleanor Roosevelt stood on a platform erected on Crescent Road, between Lastner Lane and the Baptist church, where she surveyed the then young saplings and the Center, still being constructed. That platform is long since gone. The trees grew, as did the city, and one could no longer stand on that spot today and capture a panoramic view of Greenbelt as Eleanor Roosevelt did. But evidence of the platform's existence still remains in the scars it inflicted on the tall white oak tree beneath whose branches it stood.

The tree is now 80-100 years old with dimensions of 29" at the diameter of the base while the circumference of the base is 91".

The idea of dedicating the tree to Mrs. Roosevelt was born of a suggestion by Smith which was publicized in the Greenbelt News Review. Under Mrs. Harper's leadership, the Woman's Club conducted a campaign to collect funds to meet the costs of obtaining a plaque and fencing. The cooperation of city officials was secured in providing the necessary labor and assistance in constructing the Memorial.

(earlier versions had called for use of GHI land). The APB also notes that the road would cross the parkway in the place where it would be least expensive to construct an overpass.

GHI has also advised the city council of its approval of the relocation of the perimeter road, which will involve an exchange of land between the city, adjacent property owners, and the school board.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Oct. 31, 8:30 p.m. GHI Board meeting, Hamilton place.

Sat., Nov. 2, 2 p.m. Dedication of Eleanor Roosevelt Tree, Crescent Road near Baptist Church.

Mon., Nov. 4, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Tues., Nov. 5, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Election Day.

Wed., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Springhill Lake PTA Meeting. 8:30 p.m. Boxwood Civic Ass'n. American Legion Hall.

8,000 Greenbelters Eligible to Vote

About 8,000 Greenbelt residents will be eligible to vote in the General Election, next Tuesday, November 5. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in three precincts: Center School (third precinct); North End School (sixth precinct); and Springhill Lake Community Hall (eighth precinct). About 4,700 residents were eligible to vote in the 1964 presidential election.

Voters are reminded that they are eligible to vote if they have participated in any Greenbelt General Election (not city) within the last five years.

The key contest, of course, involves the Presidential tickets of Nixon-Agnew (Republican), Humphrey-Muskie (Democrat), and Wallace-LeMay (American Party). On the Maryland ballot, LeMay was named too late and a substitute name of Griffin appears with Wallace.

In addition to the Presidency, Greenbelt voters will vote for a U. S. Senator and a House Representative from the Fifth District.

The Senate race sees a three-cornered fight involving Democratic incumbent Daniel B. Brewster, Republican Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., and Independent George P. Mahoney.

For the House seat, the battle is between Democratic incumbent Hervey G. Machen and Republican Lawrence J. Hogan.

County Voting
At the local level, interest centers around the charter board race between two slates (see accompanying box). Two Greenbelters, Simon Pristoop and W. Gordon Gemeny, are running for the Board. The elected charter board will have the task of preparing a charter form of government for the county, if the voters approve the creation of a charter board. This is the first referendum item on the ballot.

Voters will also have three constitutional amendments to pass on and three referendum questions.

The referendum of most interest concerns authorization of sale of rapid transit bonds. A "yes" vote will empower the county commissioners to borrow up to \$88 million to finance Prince George's share of the proposed regional rapid transit system. The item was put on by the ballot by petition.

Of the other questions only one pertains to Greenbelt. It is a constitutional amendment which would give the commissioners "quick take" condemnation authority for right-of-way acquisition. Presently if a property owner does not agree to a condemnation price, the county cannot proceed with road building operations until the matter is settled in court.

Election officials urge citizens to vote during the day to avoid the evening rush. Under polling rules, voters waiting in line at 8 p.m. are permitted to vote but any voters joining the waiting line after that time may not be able to vote.

Election Outcome Complicated By Third Party Candidates

by Al Skolnik

Democratic candidates are expected to take advantage of their party's almost 2½ to 1 edge in registration in the balloting in Greenbelt next Tuesday, Nov. 5. Of Greenbelt's 8,041 eligible voters, 5,000 (62%) are Democratic, 2,089 (26%) are Republican, and 952 (12%) are unaffiliated. Four years ago, Democrats had a 69-25 percent edge, with the unaffiliated voters having half the proportion of today.

The drop in Democratic registration indicates a much smaller probable margin of victory in Greenbelt for the Democratic Presidential ticket of Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie

than that given Lyndon Johnson in 1964 when he obtained 2,633 votes to Barry Goldwater's 1,053. The entry of George Wallace as a third-party candidate is another factor that may reduce the usual Democratic margin of victory.

In previous years, Democratic majorities of 60 percent or more in Greenbelt presaged a winning State ticket. Thus, as shown in the following chart, John F. Kennedy in 1960 pulled 62 percent of the Greenbelt vote and carried Maryland by 80,000 votes. In 1964, Johnson carried the State by 350,000. On the other hand, in 1952 and 1956, the Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson got less than 60 percent of the vote in Greenbelt and lost the State to Dwight Eisenhower by 100,000 and 187,000 votes, respectively.

The Greenbelt Presidential election results of the last four contests follow:

	Dem.	Rep.	% Dem.
1952	1,061	1,010	51.2
1956	1,219	882	58.0
1960	1,748	1,087	61.7
1964	2,633	1,053	71.4

With the entry of a third-party ticket in this year's election, the rule-of-thumb formula cited above may no longer be applicable. In the 1964 primary, Wallace received 30 percent of the Democratic votes cast in Greenbelt.

Another factor that may influence the outcome is the proportion of eligibles who vote. In 1960 and 1964, about 80 percent of the Greenbelt electorate turned out. In 1956 it was 70 percent and in 1952 about 82 percent.

Another race that is complicated by a third candidate is the fight for the 6-year term Senate seat now held by Democrat Daniel Brewster. His opponents are Republican Charles McC. Mathias and Independent George Mahoney. Brewster, when he last ran for the Senate in 1962, polled 69 percent of the Greenbelt vote against Republican Edward Miller. He won the State by 175,000 votes. Mahoney, in the 1966 primary, won 7 percent of the Greenbelt Democratic vote.

A close race is expected between incumbent Democrat Hervey Machen and Republican Lawrence Hogan for the Congressional House seat from the Fifth District. This is a rematch of the 1966 election when Machen received a 54.7 percent of the Greenbelt vote, while winning the Congressional District by about 8,000 votes.

County Organizes Against Narcotics

A major educational effort in the fight against the juvenile use of narcotics, marijuana and hallucinatory drugs is now being formulated by the Prince Georges County Commissioners.

Concerned with the growing permissive attitude regarding the use of marijuana and with the slowly growing use of narcotics reported in some schools in the County, the Board of Commissioners during the week called two meetings of related County agencies and departments to set up a task force for the education of both pupils and parents of the dangers of this menace.

Dr. Thomas C. Kelly, (of Greenbelt), Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, has been named the coordinating head of the Narcotics Task Force and will be responsible for gathering information from Federal, State and County sources.

CHARTER BOARD CANDIDATES

As a convenience to the voters, the names of the various charter board candidates are listed below with their affiliations. It is suggested that voters cut out this list and take it with them to the polling booth. On the ballot, the names of the 10 candidates will be listed alphabetically with no affiliation.

Operation Charter Draft NOW (OCDN)

Robert B. Bender, Jr.
W. Gordon Gemeny
William J. Kircher
Walter H. (Mike) Maloney, Jr.
Simon F. Pristoop

Charter by Seventy (CBS)

Clifford R. Armhold
Peter F. O'Malley, Jr.
Richard W. Perkins
George L. Price
Edwin M. Shaffrey

The OCDN candidates were nominated by a home-rule coalition group. The CBS candidates were named by the county commissioners.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council Monday, Nov. 4, 1968

- I. ORGANIZATION
 - 1 Call to Order
 - 2 Roll Call
 - 3 Lord's Prayer
 - 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting October 21, 1968
 - 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATION
 - 6 Petitions and Requests
 - 7 Administrative Reports
 - 8 Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - 9 Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 449, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 8.6 - Sidewalk Requirements (2nd reading)
 - 10 Ordinance To Appropriate the Sum of \$1,075 from the Unappropriated Surplus Moneys in the Replacement Fund (2nd reading)
 - 11 Resolution to Transfer Funds, within Departments (2nd reading)
 - 12 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee for Personnel Study
 - 13 Advisory Planning Board Report #79 - Zoning Petition A7893 - Parcel 8
 - 14 Advisory Planning Board Report #80 - Zoning Petition A7913 - Lakeside North
 - 15 Advisory Planning Board Report #81 - Preliminary Plan - Beltway Plaza
 - 16 Perimeter Road - School Sites (A.P.B. Report #82)
 - 17 State Legislation - Reduction of Air Traffic at Washington National Airport
 - 18 Treasurer's Annual Report and Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1968
- IV. NEW BUSINESS

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GHI BOARD VOTES 20% PAY HIKE FOR MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES

by Al Skolnik

A 20 percent hike in hourly wage rates for maintenance personnel and a 4 1/2 percent average pay increase for administrative employees were voted by a nearly-unanimous Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors at its meeting on Thursday, October 24. There was less unanimity on the effective date of the new pay scales, as the board voted to delay the increase from November 1 to December 1 (first full pay period starting in December.)

The unusually large pay increase for maintenance employees was voted in an attempt to fill the 18 vacancies presently existing in the 40-man authorized maintenance staff and to discourage further departures. The shortage of help was considered critical enough by most of the board to turn down a request by director John O'Reilly that the adoption of the new pay scales be considered along with the rest of the budget in December.

O'Reilly felt that proper budget planning would require that all anticipated increases in the 1969 budget be reviewed at one time, instead of in piecemeal fashion. The pay increase voted would commit next year's budget to an additional expenditure of \$53,350. O'Reilly expressed fear that this item, along with expected increases in taxes, garbage collection fees, and capital improvements, could create a problem for the corporation in terms of the 10 percent limit on increases in monthly charges contained in the by-laws. (Any increase of 10 percent or more requires approval at a membership meeting.)

Defends Increase

Nat Shinderman, chairman of the personnel committee, argued that the corporation must make every effort to beef up its maintenance staff. "We have promised the members," he said, "that we would provide maintenance services and we can't do what we promise with a staff depleted 45 percent." The 1969 budget, he said, will just have to accommodate itself to higher payroll figures, "as we can't afford to do otherwise." He said that the situation was so critical that he would suggest that the increases be made effective immediately. The 20-percent increase is intended to make GHI rates comparable with those prevailing in private industry in Prince Georges County.

Concern was expressed by some board members, however, that the 1968 budget would not permit absorption of the pay increase for the last two months of 1968. A compromise proposal to make the effective date December 1 was voted by the board, 5 to 3, with O'Reilly, Katherine Keene, and Steve Polaschik holding out for a January 1 effective date.

The membership of GHI will have an opportunity to discuss this matter and other items affecting the 1969 budget at a general membership information meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, in the Social Room of the Community Church.

Profile Study

The board authorized an expenditure of up to \$700 for a "first-phase" membership profile study that the Select Committee felt was needed in order to choose a sample of the membership for a household attitude study.

According to Herbert Lanhoff, who has been appointed acting chairman of the Select Committee during Joseph Vella's absence, the profile study would use the corporations records to classify members according to key characteristics. With these data, the stage would

be set for picking a random sample of members - perhaps 150 to 200 families - who would be interviewed to determine their attitudes and desires with respect to the future of GHI.

The interviews, Lenhoff said, would be done by outside professionals to guarantee strict confidentiality of information (the cost of the interviewing is not included in the \$700). Types of information that would be useful for future planning include family composition, number of members living on fixed income, number attending school or retired, number interested in replacement of their homes, number interested in investing in home improvements, etc.

Other Matters

Shinderman reported that the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission has approved the site plan for the 25 townhouses to be built on a 5-acre tract opposite the North End School. The corporation has the building contractor lined up for the project and is now in the process of negotiating for the financing. The board approved payment of the architect's fee of \$2,640.

On behalf of the landscape committee, Gordon Allen made two recommendations. One was that GHI make an organized effort to maintain the common areas in a suitable fashion. The other was that the sales department be required to check outdoor areas of homes being sold to assure conformity with boundary lines, fence and hedge regulations, and swale location.

A series of meetings was set up. Tonight, October 31, the board will have a budget session starting at 8:30 p.m. On November 7 a special meeting will be devoted to regulations. The regular Nov. 28 meeting, which falls on Thanksgiving, was pushed up to November 21.

The board approved an agreement to retain Krooth and Altman as GHI's counsel on Federal matters for another year.

GDC Meeting

At the Greenbelt Development Corporation meeting preceding the GHI meeting, the board heard an unfavorable financial report. For the first six months of 1968, GDC, which operates apartments on Parkway, ran into the red as the result largely of a \$6,000 expenditure for such items as replacement of glass blocks at entrances and boiler and reroofing work. The management was asked to look into the possibility of increasing rental income.

Polovoy to Address Mishkan Torah Men

Norman Polovoy, Chief of the Consumer Protection Division in the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, will speak on Consumer Protection at the Springhill Lake Community Center in Greenbelt on Sunday, November 3. He will be the guest speaker at the monthly bagel and lox breakfast of the Men's Club of Congregation Mishkan Torah (The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County), which begins at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

Jr. High Teacher Resigns

C. Steven Bittner, Greenbelt Jr. High ninth-grade social studies teacher and publications advisor, has resigned his teaching assignment to accept an appointment as field representative with the Maryland State Teachers Association.

As field representative, Bittner will serve the Prince Georges County Teachers Association as editor of the PGCTA NEWS and administrative assistant to that association's executive secretary. Bittner was beginning his seventh year as teacher in Greenbelt when he was tapped for the new post.

While Bittner was advisor to the school's yearbook, PYLON, and the newspaper, BEAR NEWS, these publications were consistently ranked tops by state and national critical rating services. Most recently, PYLON '68 received a First Class Honor Rating in the All American Yearbook Critical Service conducted by the National Scholastic Press Association at the University of Minnesota.

In 1967, Mr. Bittner was cited for his "outstanding contributions to children and youth" by Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers in its annual Teacher of the Year awards. The citation was presented by the Greenbelt Junior High School PTA.

Goodbye, Greenbelt

To the Editor:

For the past few weeks, people have stopped saying "Hi to my husband and myself. Whenever we have met our friends, they usually start the conversation off with "I hear you're leaving", or "What's this I hear about you leaving Greenbelt?" Well, the grapevine has done its job well.

The fact is that Mr. Victor Fisher and family are leaving Greenbelt and going into business in Kenosha Lake, New York, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. The area is located in the foothills of the Catskill Mts. in what is known as the Borscht Circuit.

We are purchasing the family business, a combination grocery-general store. And so, the Fishers move on. But we leave Greenbelt with so many wonderful warm memories that it will take a lifetime to forget. So, to be corny, thanks for the memories. Thanks for the friendships and thanks for offering us an opportunity to feel so much like a part of the community.

We will look forward to visits from our friends. If half of those who promised to come see us keep their word, our guest room will serve a good purpose. Goodby, Greenbelt, we love you.

Vic and Rita Fisher
Kenosha Lake, New York 12750

Teen Club Supports Bond

To the Editor:

As President of our Greenbelt Teen Club and the delegated spokesman for our membership, I strongly urge adoption of the proposal to authorize the sale of \$950,000 in bonds to provide for capital improvements within our city.

We note with keen interest inclusion of plans to expand recreational facilities which will certainly pay dividends to both teenagers and adults alike.

Helen Silvers
President
Greenbelt Teen Club

Edgar J. Swisher

Edgar J. Swisher, Sr., age 63, of 38-E Ridge, died on Wednesday, October 16 at Prince Georges General Hospital of heart disease.

Swisher was a resident of Greenbelt for 26 years and was a very familiar and well-liked personality in town. He worked conscientiously as a member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for 14 years and served as custodian for the department for many years. He was also a qualified first-aid instructor and taught many citizens both in and out of Greenbelt on the proper procedure in time of emergencies.

Swisher was a machinist employed by the Federal government and his last place of employment was at the National Institute of Health.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his son, Edgar J. Swisher, Jr. and a daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Salata.

Lions Club Scholarship Fund Drive Begins

By C. M. Cornack

For each of the past eight years the Greenbelt Lions Club has awarded a scholarship to a graduating student of High Point High School who resides within the city limits of Greenbelt. These scholarships, payable at the beginning of each school term, have no restrictions or limitations other than maintenance of an acceptable scholastic standing. The student may select any college, university or other institute of higher learning, and may choose any course he (or she) desires.

The scholarship award which started at \$600 has gradually been increased to our present goal of \$1200 (\$150 per semester). As the award has increased, the semi-annual checks to each previous recipient have been increased to match the amount of the new award. Our ability to continue this procedure will depend on the success of our fund raising efforts this year.

In the event that a student finds it necessary to drop out of school for a semester, or longer, for reasons other than scholarship, the funds that would have been presented to him are deposited in a special savings account earmarked for scholarships, until his return.

Funds for the above scholarships are raised solely from the proceeds of fruitcake and candy sales made by the Greenbelt Lions during the months of November, December and January.

BOXWOOD PARADE

A colorful Halloween parade was held in Boxwood Village on Sunday afternoon, October 27. Among the 131 children participating, the following won awards: 1-4 age group - Lori Marques, Elizabeth Weber, Paul Maslanik; 5-8 age group - Dori Dickerson, Jo Ann Hardy, Terri Fluke; 9 and up age group - Colleen O'Hagen, Barbara Klukowski, Kevin Shaughnessy.

Following the parade refreshments were served to all children.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY

4-5:30 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Feast of All Saints - Nov. 1,

6:30 & 9:30 a.m.

6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Feast of All Souls - Nov. 2

8:00, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.

5:30, 6:00, 6:30 p.m.

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. - Prayer Meeting

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770

Rev. Wm. E. Ravenscroft, Pastor Telephone: 474-9410

Church School 9:30 A.M.

(3rd grade thru adults) 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Nursery with classes thru 2nd grade)

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477

Edward H. Birner, Pastor. GR 4-9200

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY NURSERY



Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

In a photo-finish, Sid Barnett and Al Skolnik eased out a first-place win in last Friday's duplicate bridge game over runners-up, George Desposito and Ugo Gervasio. In third place was the team of Claire and Sam Jacobs. Next game: Friday, November 8.

Congratulations to Lee Harrison of Springhill Lake, who was among the 15,000 Semifinalists announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Semifinalist winners have scored in the upper 1% of those who will graduate from high school in 1969.

Among the Greenbelters at High Point receiving Letters of Commendation for their high performance on the 1968 National Merit Scholarship Test were: Nancy Weyel, Walter Penney, Christine Miller, Kenneth Snowden, and Garv Gallo. They are among the 39,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2%.

Cub Scouts of Springhill Lake welcomed the following Den Mothers to their Pack: Mrs. Sheila Morrow, Mrs. Kae Crabtree, Mrs. Evelyn Becker, Mrs. Barbara Clawson and Mrs. Janet Nakimoto.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Edgar J. Swisher 38-E Ridge, who lost her husband on October 18.

Condolences to Albert Attick who lost his brother.

Birthday greetings to Bobby Smith, 12-F Hillside, who was twelve years old on October 22.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Steve Gingell, who celebrated his ninth birthday on October 21.

John A. McDonald of Greenbelt is among the 23 persons serving during the October term of the Prince Georges County Grand Jury.

Richard Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dutton, 5-A Eastway, has been promoted to SP/4. He is stationed at Ft. Kobbe, Panama.

Visiting Lucy McDonnell, 17-F Parkway, is her niece Mercedes Donnelly of Palo Alto, California.

Hope Mr. Morris Fisher, 3-C Crescent, will soon be feeling bet-

CITY OFFICIALS ENDORSE CHARTER

The Prince Georges Municipal Association, at its October meeting, endorsed the principle of charter home rule government for Prince George's County. The Association, composed of municipal officials from all of the 28 cities and towns in Prince George's County, also resolved support for the Metro transit bond issue and the exercise of conditional zoning powers for the Prince George's District Council.

ter. He is in Prince Georges Hospital.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Mark Miedzinski, 9Q Southway, who will be 11 years old Nov. 2.

Congratulations to Andrea and Doug Thompson, who celebrated their second wedding anniversary on Oct. 29.

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Lushine are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Carol Sue, born to Mr. & Mrs. James Boyer Lushine of Dover, N.J.

Airman Apprentice Michael Glendening, son of Mr. & Mrs. Van Glendening of Boxwood, graduated Fri., Oct. 18, from Great Lakes Recruit Training Center. He will continue his Naval Training at the Flight Training School in Memphis, Tennessee.

Radarman Edward L. Moore Jr., USN, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Moore, Sr. of 44-P Ridge Road, helped clean and paint the "Save the Children Center" in Qui Nhon, Vietnam. He and other crewmen from the ocean going minesweeper USS Reaper armed themselves with cleaning gear and paint brushes and conducted a frontal assault on five rooms of the children's center. The cleanup operation was part of the ship's local civic action program. The Qui Nhon "Save the Children Center" is a hospital and orphanage maintained by Australian volunteers for the benefit of Vietnamese children.

Lakeside Citizens Endorse Proposed City Bond Issue

By a unanimous vote, members of the Lakeside Citizens Association passed a motion at their semi-annual meeting Monday night, Oct. 28, to endorse the proposed \$950,000 municipal development bond issue. This action followed a statement by councilman Francis White, explaining the purpose and need for the bond issue. Although debate was somewhat lively concerning the method of tax assessment to be used—some members arguing that forms of taxation other than real estate might be investigated—the group supported the principle of the bond issue for civic improvements.

In other actions the Association voted to investigate development of a play area on city-owned property along the path through the woods between 6 court of Ridge and the end of Maplewood Ct. They also voted to express their thanks to councilman White and to City Manager James G. Giese for their prompt action in securing further dredging of the lake bottom and improvement of the shoreline of the lake at the bay end near Olivewood Ct.

Earlier in the meeting Police Chief Lane showed a film strip that is part of the daily training program offered by the department. He discussed the functioning of the department, particularly in policing the Center, Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza shopping areas; in patrolling the lake and lake park; and in enforcing traffic along Lakeside and in University Square. The new Assistant Recreation Director, Walter Bockmiller, also participated in the meeting.

BOXWOOD CIVIC ASSN.

A meeting of the Boxwood Civic Association to nominate and elect new officers will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Mayor Edgar L. Smith will address the group to explain the city referendum proposing the sale of \$950,000 in bonds to be used toward capital improvements.

The Police Blotter

A neighbor's alertness caused the apprehension of a prowler on Lakeside Dr. The neighbor spotted a strange man crawling under a fence and going through an unlocked basement door. Police were notified and apprehended an intoxicated individual who had left his truck and was apparently just wandering around the neighborhood, looking for a place to rest. It is just such alertness on a citizen's part, commented Chief Lane, which helps the police in protecting the people. The prowler was charged with being an intoxicated nuisance.

A juvenile escaped for the second time from Spring Grove and was captured in a car stolen from Lakecrest Dr. He was returned to Spring Grove where he is receiving court-directed treatment.

Two men were arrested and charged with two unrelated cases of breaking and entering and theft at Springhill Lake. They stole the articles while employed as maintenance men for the apartment complex. The stolen articles were recovered.

Despite many rumors of juvenile mischief going to occur at last Saturday's dance at the Armory, no incidents took place.

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Recreation Review

Teen Club Chatter

On Saturday, November 9, the "Syndicates" will appear at the Youth Center. Members will be admitted at half price, so buy your memberships now.

Oil and Acrylic Display

Beginning on Monday, November 4, an art display will be featured at Twin Pines. Artist Joyce Kuhn, an instructor with the Recreation Department, will display paintings of oil and acrylic. Over 20 paintings will be on exhibit and for sale. Don't miss it.

Boys' Body Building

This free program is being held at the Youth Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Boys in junior or senior high school are welcome.

Girls' and Women's Gym

This free program, consisting of trampoline, volleyball, basketball, roller skating and exercises, is held on Tuesday evenings at the Youth Center. The time is 7:30 for girls in junior or senior high school and 8:30 for women.

Junior High Roller Skating

On Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:15 the gymnasium will be open for junior high roller skating.

1968 Halloween

Pre-School thru Elementary Schedule:

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8:00-8:30—Cartoons

Teen Schedule

8:30-10:45 — Road Runner Cartoons and "The Horror of Dracula"

Children's Painting and Sketching Class

This class starts Saturday, October 26, at the Youth Center for children 8 years old and over. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. A class for children 6 or 7 years of age can be started if enough are interested. Call the Recreation Department for further details. Mrs. Joyce Kuhn is the instructor.

Adult Oil Painting Class

The adult oil painting class is still short of registrants. Mrs. Joyce Kuhn, instructor needs just a few more to start this class. NOTE: Mrs. Kuhn will be displaying many of her oil paintings in the Twin Pines Office beginning the end of this week. Stop by and see this fine display of work.

Further Dredging at Lake Okayed After Examination

On Friday, October 11, in response to expressions of concern from Lakecrest residents whose properties abut on the lake, City Manager James K. Giese and councilman Francis White made an inspection tour of the bay end of the lake where excavation is underway. Several members of the Lakeside Citizens Association accompanied them on their tour.

Four problems were at issue: whether the excavation of the bay itself was deep enough to prevent its being clogged up again in the very near future; whether the lake along the shoreline closest to the Lakeside cul-de-sacs could be deepened to avoid the development of heavy growths of algae, which favor shallow water; whether the silt trap was big enough to handle the large outflow of silt from erosion of unprotected land in Charlestowne Village; and whether the piles of dirt excavated from the lake formed a threat to trees along the shore.

As an outgrowth of the meeting, and following a discussion between Giese and the operator of the drag line, the city authorized enlargement of the silt trap, a small pond through which the creek below Lakecrest Drive flows. Most of the silt from the Charlestowne Village run-off is expected to drop out in this pond, so that relatively little will be carried on and dumped into the lake. Construction of the silt trap was recommended by scientists from the Soils Conservation Commission, who made a study of the lake last spring.

Also authorized by the city will be deeper excavation of the bay, particularly near the Lakecrest residences. City officials were not sure how much could be moved at that point, however, since the location made it difficult for the dragline operator negotiate.

The contractor also moved some of the piled up dirt along the bay shoreline because its position and size would make it impossible for city equipment to grade later without large quantities falling back into the lake. Much of the dirt was moved to the other side of the path below Olivewood Ct. to a low, swampy section at the edge of the woods.

Variety of Road Projects Proposed in Bond Issue

By James K. Giese, City Manager

(This is the third of a series of articles concerning the proposed \$950,000 bond issue to be voted upon by Greenbelt electors at a referendum to be held on November 26, 1968.)

The tentative budget for the expenditure of the \$950,000 to be raised by the sale of bonds, if approved at referendum, includes the following:

Perimeter Road Right-of-Way	\$ 45,000
Reconstruct Southway Road	120,000
Construction of Extra-Width Streets and Access Roads in Springhill Lake	50,000
Reconstruct Portions of Crescent Road	If funds available
Road Construction in Newly Developed Areas, if Needed	If funds available

Perimeter Road Right-of-Way

At the time the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) proposed the first master plan in 1964, one of the most objectionable features was that existing residential streets were to be made arterial highways in order to handle the traffic created by the development of large undeveloped tracts — in particular, parcels 1 and 2. Northway would become a four-lane highway. Ridge Road would become a four-lane highway.

Recognizing that these undeveloped roads would generate traffic that would have to use existing streets unless an alternative was devised, the City Council presented this problem to its planning consultants, Marcou, O'Leary and Associates, and to its Advisory Planning Board. The solution proposed was to locate a new arterial road which would run through these new areas and exit onto Kentilworth and Glendale Roads, crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This road would also connect with a road running through Springhill Lake and the Beltway Plaza and ending on Greenbelt Road. Because this road follows to some extent the city limits and forms a miniature beltway around the city, it was called the Perimeter Road. The Perimeter Road concept was subsequently added to the MNCPPC master plan.

There are many problems to resolve before this needed road becomes a reality. Two bridges across super highways must be built. Needed right-of-way must be obtained, and an expensive roadway must be constructed.

Recognizing that the alternative of Northway and Ridge becoming major highways will seriously affect the character of existing Greenbelt, and also be expensive projects, the City Council has been working diligently to make the Perimeter Road a reality. After two years of intensive effort a solution to the problem of school locations obstructing the construction of this road appears to be nearly resolved. Through large tracts it can be expected that right-of-way will be obtained as a part of subdivision and street dedication requirements, and, therefore, no problems are expected. The City is working to have this road designated a state highway so that state funds can be applied towards construction.

There are, however, four little parcels of land through which the road must run. Dedi-

cation cannot be expected here because the proposed road would cut up the property to such an extent as to not make it worth building upon. One of these small parcels is outside the city limits and not subject to City street construction requirements.

To resolve these problems it is felt that the best solution is to buy the properties and set aside the required right-of-way. The remainder may be either developed as a neighborhood park, traded for other needed land, or sold, with restrictions, for private development.

Once the right-of-way is obtained it is only a matter of time before the road will be built. But if the right-of-way is lost through improper development the Perimeter Road will never exist.

Southway Road

The most heavily used entrance into the central section of Greenbelt, Southway Road, is to be improved in order to provide a better roadway and to improve the appearance of the area. Preliminary plans not yet approved by Council call for the extending of the divided roadway to Ridge Road in boulevard fashion. At Ridge a substantial amount of traffic turns off, and the street north of Ridge would be widened only slightly with improved parking strips and curbs and gutters. A sidewalk would extend to Greenbelt Road. The result would be a street that can handle more traffic with greater safety and present an attractive entrance to the city.

Federal urban secondary road aid funds may be available to pay half the cost of this project.

Springhill Lake Streets

Nearly as many residents live in Springhill Lake as in all the rest of Greenbelt. Only one narrow public street provides access to that area — Edmonston Road, and this street will eventually have to be closed at Greenbelt Road. A second temporary road across private property hopefully will be made public and constructed to proper standards in the near future. A third road to run between the junior high school and the shopping center is proposed. Since the land on either side is owned by the Board of Education, which will not benefit from the road and cannot be assessed, there will be problems in obtaining funds for the construction of this road and the City might have to share with others in the cost of construction.

North of the Beltway the owners of Springhill Lake own a sizable tract of land through which the planned perimeter road, an arterial street, will be run. Because this road will be a major through street serving all sections of the community, it will need to be constructed wider than the ordinary street in an apartment development. The customary procedure is for the local government to pay the extra cost of making the street extra wide.

These same problems may develop in other newly developing areas of the city and any surplus bond moneys, if available, could be used for this purpose.

Crescent Road

While still not presenting serious traffic problems, Crescent Road should also be widened to provide proper width travel lanes and paved parking lanes instead of the present unsightly shoulders. Paved sidewalks are needed to replace the present gravel paths. If extra road funds are available due to the receipt of Federal aid for Southway Road, these funds could be used for improving portions of Crescent Road.

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Springhill Lake PTA

The Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA will meet Wednesday, November 6, in the multi-purpose room of the school. Membership registration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the brief business meeting will start at 8 p.m., followed by an informal meeting of parents and teachers in the classrooms.

Various educational displays will be seen in the halls and the classrooms in observance of American Education Week.

Arts and crafts catalogues will be on display for the convenience of parents wishing to order supplies. Mrs. Toby Selig will be there to furnish information regarding this project.

Refreshments will be served and all parents are urged to attend.

PTA BAKE SALE

The Greenbelt Center School PTA will hold an election day bake sale on Tuesday, November 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The PTA table will be located outside the Center School auditorium.

County Receives U.S. Grant on Aging

A Federal grant of nearly \$37,000 has been awarded to Prince Georges County by the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The grant will be used by the County's Division of Services and Programs for the Aging to plan for coordination and improvement of programs and services for Senior Citizens.

The \$36,980 grant is one of only six such announced. The project is designed to have a close working relationship with the Prince Georges County Model Cities grant, which has also just been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Prince Georges County Department of Community Development, of which the Division of Services and Programs for the Aging is a part, will administer the Model Cities grant.

City Notes

In preparation for the dedication of the Roosevelt tree on Saturday, the parks crew did some landscaping near the memorial. They planted two small pines nearby and seeded a steep bank where grass planted earlier had died out.

The seasonal leaf collections have begun. To cope with an accumulation of leaves and other deposits of trash, two city trucks worked two full days at the end of last week. City officials emphasize that special trash other than leaves should not be placed at the roadside. Piles of leaves to be picked up by the leaf vacuum should not contain twigs or sticks because these jam up the mechanism. The leaf machine will go out this week on Friday or Saturday and on a two or three times weekly basis thereafter until about the end of the year.

Most of the Public Works crew has been occupied at the bay end of the lake or with the tennis courts. All paving for the courts has now been laid. The city crew expected to spend this week in replacing fencing and in marking off lines for the courts. They also extended the concrete framing around the large storm sewer pipes that empty into the lake from Charlestowne Village.

Fruitcakes, Candy On Sale by Lions

Fruitcakes and candy are now being sold by the Greenbelt Lions and may be purchased at the Suburban Trust Company, Ben Franklin Store or from any LION.

Chairman of the sale, LION AL LEE, suggests that you consider sending fruitcakes to out-of-town friends, relatives, or servicemen overseas as Christmas presents. They're unbreakable, practically indestructible, will keep for a long time without refrigeration and require no additional packing for mailing.

Profits from the sale of cakes and candy are used to finance college scholarships for Greenbelt high school graduates.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt held its October meeting in the Community Church basement. Mrs. Marie Castaldi presided over the meeting and program.

Mrs. Beret Neumann, the chairman of the Public Health Committee informed the club that 18 members had worked 141 hours on the Red Cross Bloodmobile, 15 members had worked 36 hours on the County X-ray Mobile Unit and 96 hours was spent visiting the patients at Spring Grove Hospital. This work has been accomplished since May.

Mrs. Carnie Harper, who initiated the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree project, reported on the status of the dedication. Charles McDonald, former City Manager, will be chairman of the event. The dedication will be held at 2 p.m. on November 2 at the tree on Crescent Road. The Woman's Club will entertain the dignitaries at a tea after the ceremony.

In other business, Mrs. Bernice Nelson announced a bake sale to be held on November 9 at the Greenbelt Shopping Center and a sidewalk sale next spring. The club had a very successful clothesline sale last month.

Mrs. Carrie Hall was honored on her 88th birthday and was presented with a corsage and card. Mrs. Hall is an honorary member now after many very active years in the club.

State Financed Aid Available to Students

Under the State of Maryland Scholarship Program, students who are in need of financial aid for college can be helped with loans and job opportunities. To obtain a scholarship one should apply to the college of his choice and indicate on the application that financial aid is desired. Upon acceptance, the college will notify the applicant and a Parent's Confidential Statement will be required. Information on the Maryland Higher Education Loan Program and other loan programs is available in the High Point Guidance Office.

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Sergeant Dutton served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on the 21st of March of this year; the Bronze Star Medal, which is awarded for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces; and the Vietnam Combat Certificate from the 173rd Airborne Brigade for service from 1967 to 1968.

Mike entered service in March of 1966. After Basic Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and AIT at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he received his training and graduated at Fort Benning, Georgia, from the Airborne Course on August 5, 1966. He was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, until he volunteered for service with the 3/503 Infantry of the 173rd Airborne when it was reactivated for service in Vietnam. Upon returning to the United States, after extending his tour in Vietnam, Mike received an Honorable Discharge from service at Fort Lewis, Washington, on October 9, 1968.

Another son, PFC Richard J. Dutton is serving with the United States Army 5th Infantry Division at Fort Kobbe in Panama.

Traffic Safety Tips

In modern traffic we cannot be safe drivers merely by obeying all laws ourselves. Many dangerous situations can arise which are not covered by law. We must also watch for other drivers to whom laws mean nothing. This is called defensive driving.

Drivers should never wear sunglasses at night. Even the best sunglasses interfere with night vision, and at night a driver needs to see as well as he can. Be sure to take your sunglasses off as soon as darkness begins to fall.

Extended Bus Route, Reduced Cost to NSA

The cost of the bus service between Greenbelt and the National Security Agency at Ft. Meade has been reduced and the route has been extended. The cost per ride will remain at 75c and commutation tickets for ten rides will be sold for \$6. The tickets are valid for 30 days. The route has been changed to include the Lakewood area and more of Ridge and Crescent Rds.

As before, the bus leaves Beltway Plaza (in front of Klein's at 6:20 a.m. and proceeds through Springhill Lake by way of Cherrywood Lane, Springhill Dr., and Edmonston Rd. It then turns onto Kenilworth Ave. and crosses over the Beltway. The bus goes one block on Crescent Rd. and then one block on Ridge Road. Riders from Lakeside North apartments may board at the corner of Ridge Rd. and Ivy Lane. The bus proceeds on Ivy Lane to Lastner Lane where it turns and goes up the hill to the main part of Ridge Rd. After traveling one long block, the bus then turns south onto Research Rd. and then onto Greenhill Rd. which goes through the Lakewood area. It turns left onto Crescent and continues until the loop where Crescent changes to Ridge Rd. The bus travels along Ridge until it has reached Research Rd. again where it turns north into the National Agricultural Research Center. The bus travels through the "Ag" Center on Powder Mill Rd. and enters the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at the "Beltsville" interchange.

The return bus will leave NSA at 3:55 p.m. and will travel along the same route in the reverse direction.

Little League Fall Dance

The Greenbelt Little League will present their Fall Dance at Greenbelt American Legion on Saturday, Nov. 16, Music by The Rhinelanders. Tickets are sold by anyone connected with the Little League or you may pick them up at Twin Pines.

Trash Receptacle Report Receives Favorable Reply

After a reasonable period of use, the city recently sent out 188 questionnaires to residents in the areas served by several special receptacles placed in GHI courts. These were the results of an attempt by the city to meet the problem of unsightly accumulations of yard debris and other trash, usually merely piled loosely along the street. Experimental receptacles were of two types—concrete block structures or enclosed areas surrounded by wooden picket fencing.

Following tabulation of the 96 responses — a 51% return on the questionnaires — Administrative Assistant Gary Stenhouse summarized the results. In general, he noted, in a special mimeographed report prepared for the city council, people were pleased with the utility of the containers, although they seemed to feel that the design could be improved. Particularly was this comment applied to the wooden picket containers, which were prone to vandalism by children. About 18% of the respondents felt that the receptacles should have been cleaned more frequently, and about 18% also felt that the surrounding areas should be cleaned more scrupulously. Particularly were such criticisms applied to the container at 14 Ridge, which served 96 dwelling units.

Although the containers had been intended for yard debris only, many residents had used them for other types of trash as well. Either a more vigorous program of public education concerning the use of the containers, or a change in policy to allow the deposit of all special trash, would solve the problem, Stenhouse felt. But he stressed that "some type of container service is needed desperately."

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Dear Fellow Tree,
I have received your letter describing the hardships endured by you and by other trees in your neighborhood - in particular, the horrors of chemical defoliation, which has withered many of our fine cousins. We trees of the United States sympathize with your plight, and pray that it will end soon.

In truth however, dear friend, our fate here is not much better. Almost every day, it seems, some of our relatives are uprooted and destroyed, to make way for apartments, roads and those huge paved expanses where men park their vehicles. Big machines, very much like the tanks you tell about in your letter, are used in this abominable task (here they are called bulldozers), and the remains of our dear departed friends are usually burned on a big pyre, sending obnoxious thick smoke heavenward.

At least, their demise is mercifully quick, for a worse fate awaits many others, left by the bulldozers as proof of their generosity - to show that they do not cut down all trees, but leave a few standing for decoration. These poor few - their roots cut by grading machinery, their bark bruised by bulldozers - slowly strangle to death. No one waters them in times of drought or feeds their remaining roots, and their wounds not only remain untended but are indeed aggravated by children swinging from branches and carving their initials. After long agony, they finally wither away, and their bleached bones, left standing upright for many a year, bear silent testimony to the vanished forest to which they once belonged.

You ask me, why, dear distant relative. I have devoted much thought to the subject and can only conclude that, for some misguided reason, the destruction of trees is an old American custom. People here teach their children how their greatest national hero - a man whom they revere so much that he is commonly known as "father of his country" - in his youth once cut down a cherry tree with a hatchet. Nowhere have I ever

found the reason why he did it, and I must sadly conclude that his deed merely reflects the inborn malice which these people harbor toward us trees.

The folk tales of this nation also illuminate that subconscious urge. An important legendary figure - I won't mention his name, since you may take offense at its resemblance to yours - was a giant woodsman who, together with his giant blue ox, apparently spent a lifetime chopping down the forests of the North-Central United States, creating the empty wasteland now called the great prairies.

On their most important holiday, the Americans cut down young fir trees, setting them up in their living rooms amid presents and decorations. Then, with the holiday over, the dead trees are piled up behind the Greenbelt firehouse and set on fire, much to the delight of numerous watching youngsters. I suspect that the trees serve here as substitutes in what once used to be a rite of human sacrifice - but this must have been very long ago indeed, since I was unable to trace it down.

So forgive me, dear cousin, if I have little encouragement for you this time. Hard times are coming to us trees, wherever Americans have their way. We must endure them, until we can convince men that trees are their friends, not enemies.

Other than that, our only hope is that man will ultimately destroy himself, as he is already doing quite efficiently in some places. Then the world will be left to us, as it has always been - peaceful, green and beautiful.

Yours,
Tall Willow Oak
Front of City Hall
Greenbelt, Md. 20770
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