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## CENTER MALL RENOVATION: AN OLD SAD TALE OF HOPES UNFULFILLED

by Al Skolnik

Every year in recent memory, the city has talked about the need for improving and renovating the Center Mall. Excerpts from recent city annual reports have referred to the need:

"The continued improvement of the Center including additional lighting, resurfacing the parking lots, and repairing bad sidewalks and curbing." (1963)

"Renovation of the shopping center and better lighting of streets and parking lots in commercial areas." (1964)

"Plans are nearing completion and construction will probably be undertaken for the renovation of the Center Mall. Programmed in this project is the replacement of all pavement, new lights, new benches, and attractive landscaping. This project is programmed to cost about \$40,000." (1967)

Finally, the latest annual report rather cryptically, perhaps rather resignedly, refers to a future which will include "the renovation of the Center Mall."

The city has made some progress in this area. A new lighting system along Centerway has been installed and the parking lots have been resurfaced. But implementation of the overall plans for the renovation of the Center Mall seems as elusive as ever.

In the meantime, residents are complaining about broken and crumbling sidewalks that are safety hazards to walkers and about the general run-down condition and unattractive appearance of the Center Mall.

What is holding up progress? Generally speaking, the city has encountered two problems. The first is that the plans drawn up by landscape architect, T. D. Donovan, were not able to attract bids within the scope of the costs allocated of \$40,000, and the second involves the financing of the operation.

### Original Plans

The architect's original plans, developed in 1967, called for \$40,000 to be spent in up-grading the city-owned property that lies between Centerway and the statue. About \$28,000 was to be spent for new benches, drinking fountains, pole lights, replacement of all sidewalks with new concrete ones, and other ornamental work. There was also to be a new setting for the statue, including a brick retaining wall and a background of low-level hedges. Benches were to be located in an inner square so as to be out of the main stream of traffic.

Another \$11,000 was to be spent for landscaping, including shade trees, azalea bushes, and other shrubbery, as well as a permanent Christmas tree.

When bids were asked for in March 1969, they came in some \$16,000 above the budgeted amount. City manager James Giese's reaction at that time was that through negotiation with the contractor and by deleting such items as the landscaping and the retaining wall for the statue, the work could be done within the cost allocations.

### Financial Problems

Since then, however, another problem has arisen, involving the financing of the project. In September 1968, the city council approved a special assessment technique for financing the center mall improvement so that half the \$40,000 cost would be paid by the city and the other half by the benefiting property owners in the area. Assessment would be on ad valorem bases (taxes proportionate to assessed valuation) for those properties within the special taxing district making up the commercial center. The cost would be spread over a 10-year period.

The property owners in the center, however, protested the creation of a special taxing district and the assessment. Their position was that the renovation plan was of chief benefit to the city as a whole rather than to the commercial businesses. They stated that the mall was the center of many civic functions and was surrounded by many city and public buildings.

The city, on the other hand, felt that it was giving recognition to this point of view by agreeing to pay half the cost. The city further felt that it would be difficult to justify using tax funds coming from the entire community — including Springhill Lake, which had its own supported shopping center — to cover the entire cost of the renovation.

The Greenbelt Professional Building, Inc. (medical center) successfully filed a suit in the Prince Georges Circuit Court, as the result of which Judge William B. Bowie ruled on March 23, 1970 that the city of Greenbelt could not establish a special taxing district unless it was specifically limited in purpose to the payment of principal and interest on bonds. (The special taxing district had been used to finance the operation and maintenance of the commercial center also.)

The city is now in the process of working up a new ordinance establishing a special taxing district that will meet the requirements of the law. This will take time, as will also the letting of contracts for the renovating work.

Giese said, however, that the city will spruce up the center this spring through new plantings. The city will also lay down some asphalt to smooth out the worst parts of the sidewalks.

### Other Property Owner

A complicating element in the picture is the fact that another property owner, William and Charles Cohen, owns some of

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### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., March 18, 8 p.m. PRAB Sub-Committee on Pollution, Greenbelt Library.

Fri., March 19, 1:30 p.m. Zoning Hearing on P. 1 & 2, County Service Bldg., Hyattsville.

Mon., March 22, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

8 p.m. Meeting on Drug Abuse sponsored by Youth For Better Living, Greenbelt Library.

Thurs., March 25, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place.

## Parcels 1 & 2 Zoning Hearing Tomorrow

A request for postponement of the zoning hearing on parcels 1 and 2 (land between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Ridge Road) by the attorneys for the applicants (Bresler and Lerner) was denied by the county council yesterday. The hearing will therefore go on as scheduled at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 19 at the County Service Building.

According to a communication received by the city, the applicants are willing to accept the recommendations of the Prince Georges County Planning Board for parcels 1 and 2. These recommendations were to deny R-30 zoning (14 apartment units per acre) and to reserve 89 acres as R-80 (single-family homes) and 36 acres as R-T (townhouses).

### SHL Gas Station

The other hearing on rezoning 0.8529 acres in Springhill Lake from R-18 (apartment) to C-2 to eventually permit construction of a gas station will be held as scheduled on March 19 in the County Service Building in Hyattsville.

The council reported last Monday night that it is in receipt of a letter from Springhill Lake owners (A. H. Small, T. N. Lerner, and H. Kramer) providing certain assurances with respect to the gas station. These assurances were necessary because under the Charter provisions, conditional zoning is no longer permissible.

Conditions had been attached to the original C-2 zoning application. Now, the subject property must first be rezoned to C-2 without conditions, and then there must be another request for a special exception for permission operate part of the property as a gasoline filling station. The city, therefore, cannot look to the C-2 zoning approved by the District Council for assurances that the 0.8529 acres will be used for a gas station exclusively.

In a letter dated March 12, 1971, the owners of Springhill Lake made the following guarantees:

"1. We unconditionally guarantee that the part of the subject property to be developed will be used as a gasoline filling station.

"2. That upon obtaining a special exception for gasoline filling station we will by deed or dedication on recorded plat transfer to the city the approximately two-thirds of the tract for park use and as a buffer strip in accordance with the letter to you of May 24, 1968." (City Solicitor Emmett H. Nanna reported that he would be given the deed to hold in escrow for the city if the C-2 zoning were granted.)

"3. We agree that the gasoline filling station will be developed in substantial accordance with the site plan and architectural rendering prepared for us by Cohen, Haft & Associates, being their Job No. 168-66 and dated May 15, 1968, a copy of which is presently in your possession."

The city council has gone on record in favor of the C-2 zoning with the above guarantees stipulated.

## GHI to Receive Tax Refund Following Tax Court Ruling

by Al Skolnik

A county administrative court has ruled that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is entitled to a reduction in its real estate tax assessment. As a result, GHI manager Roy Breashears told the GHI board at last Thursday's meeting, the corporation is scheduled to get a refund in back county and city taxes of approximately \$39,000 plus 6 percent interest covering the tax years 1969 and 1970. GHI had paid taxes for those two years at the full rate.

In addition, there will be a savings in the amount budgeted for taxes in 1971, but the actual amount will not be known until the city and county tax rates are set for 1971. (The amount of taxes budgeted by GHI is based on estimates of what the tax rates will be.)

The decision in the assessment case was long in coming. GHI's assessed valuation was originally increased from \$6,400,000 to \$7,980,000 by the county assessor's office in November 1968. GHI contested the \$1,580,000 increase and took an appeal to the Maryland Tax Court. This court ruled last June that certain vacant GHI land should be assessed at the rate per acre for undeveloped land and that certain other parcels should be reassessed at the higher rate established for developed land.

Conflict over the interpretation and application of this ruling led to another appeal by GHI — this time to the Board of Appeals for Prince Georges County, which decided on February 1, 1971 that the developed acreage should be assessed at \$10,860 per acre and the undeveloped acreage at \$2,500 per acre. As a result, the increase in GHI's assessed valuation was knocked down by \$405,000.

### Water Rates to Rise

As a partial offset to this good

news, GHI received some sobering reports on increases in other expenditure items that it faces. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has proposed a sizable increase in county water and sewer rates for the 1971-72 fiscal year. The proposed increase is 7 cents per 1,000 gallons for water and 4 cents per 1,000 gallons (of metered water used) in the sewage usage charge.

Breashears also cautioned that there might be another 2 cents per 1,000 increase if WSSC eliminates the annual service charge on smaller single-family home size meters. Breashears estimated that the total cost increase of 13 cents per 1,000 gallons could amount to a \$16,400 increase in GHI's yearly operating budget. GHI uses approximately 127,000,000 gallons of water a year, for which GHI is currently paying 53½ cents per 1,000 gallons.

### Boiler Renovation

Another painful item facing the board was the \$30,600 needed to bring the boiler plants into conformance with the State pollution laws and to meet updated National Electrical Codes of the National Board and Fire Underwriters and the Factory Mutual Insurance Company. GHI's insurance company.

The board decided Thursday evening to finance the boiler renovation program by taking \$15,000 from the present capital improvement program, \$6,000 from the frame contingency reserves, and the balance by borrowing. The additional borrowing would increase loan payments approximately \$1,500 a year starting in 1972.

### Paint Problems

The board wrestled with the problem of what to advise members wishing to paint the exteriors of their homes. Management reported that cement asbestos shingles on the frame homes cannot stand repeated paintings, as they soften and deteriorate. The board suggested that management come forth with some alternative courses of action, such as replacing the shingles with factory finished siding. Accompanying cost estimates were also asked.

As for the brick homes, management has a list of recommendations to give painting members on how to prepare the brick surface and how to apply the paint, but cautions that the only sure way of insuring a good paint job and preventing flaking is by sandblasting the walls and starting anew. This method however, is very expensive and is not recommended because of possible damage to adjacent surfaces and interiors.

### Parcels 1 and 2

The board voted unanimously to oppose R-30 (apartment) zoning for parcels 1 and 2 as being in conflict with the College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan and to recommend that the land be kept in its present category of rural-residential.

### Other Matters

The board received a list of complaints from a resident of 73-Ridge, dealing with heating, plumbing, erosion, dumping between courts, and defective sidewalk work. The board was particularly concerned over the type of contract work it was getting.

Other complaints concerned the townhouses and involved such things as sinking patio slabs and incorrectly installed window frames. The chief problem seems to be that GHI has been reluctant to correct anything but emergency items until the corporation has ironed out its financial problems with the builder and affixed responsibility for some of the defects. The townhouse owners, on the other hand, are getting impatient with the delay.

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 22, 1971

8 p.m.

#### I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Roll Call
- 2 Call to Order
- 3 Lord's Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 8, 1971
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- 6 Appointment to Council
- 7 Bid Opening - Truck Chassis with Ladder

#### II COMMUNICATIONS

- 8 Petitions and Requests
- 9 Administrative Reports
- 10 Committee Reports

#### III OLD BUSINESS

- 11 An Ordinance to Prohibit Outdoor Burning Except for Small Controlled Fires - Second Reading
- 12 An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 654 and 661 Relating to the Establishment of a Special Taxing District - Second Reading
- 13 Resolution - Transfer of Funds - Second Reading
- 14 Appointment to Board
- 15 Anti-Litter Ordinance
- 16 Traffic Study - Crescent Road
- 17 Purchase of Parcels 1, 2 and 15

#### IV NEW BUSINESS

- 18 Charter Amendment Resolution to Amend Section 40-55 Bonds-Issuance - First Reading
- 19 An Ordinance to Provide for the Control of Dogs, Cats and Other Animals within the City of Greenbelt - 1st Reading
- 20 Resolution - Transfer of Funds - 1st Reading
- 21 Mosquito Control
- 22 State Legislation

#### V MISCELLANEOUS

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"Unfounded Charges"

To the Editor:  
I have at hand a part of a page of a remarkable document. The top was cut off before I received it; perhaps if it had remained, I would know who was responsible. It appears to concern a new organization whose purpose is to "recreate Greenbelt Homes, Inc. as a place for families to live at moderate cost as conceived by our founding fathers." Since the document was delivered to many GHI homes, I believe GHI members would be interested in a reply.

Several statements are made in the document which purport to be facts, but which are simply not true! I shall confine this discussion to answering one sentence, which I quote:

"Since 1962 our assets and Corporation Equity have dropped by several hundreds of thousands of dollars while our current liabilities have steadily risen beyond safety."

A statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity as of December 31, 1962, shows: Total Assets, \$7,213,545; Total Liabilities, \$4,205,228; Total Equity, \$3,008,317.

A similar statement as of December 31 1970, indicates: Total Assets, \$7,904,177; Total Liabilities, \$2,986,421; Total Equity, \$4,917,756.

Instead of a drop of several hundreds of thousands of dollars in equity, we have made a gain of \$1,909,439.

Let us look at a single unit, my own, a two-bedroom frame end, which I purchased as of July 1, 1963. The fact sheet at the time of purchase shows: Contract Balance (i.e., owed FNMA), \$1,533.41; Payment required, \$2,955.42; Total Cost \$4,488.83. Similar units are selling for twice that amount right now. Instead of having lost under current Board and Management, we have gained a great deal.

Our greatest danger comes, not from a dedicated Board and Management, but from irresponsible members who make unfounded charges without true knowledge of the facts. I must confess I do not understand the philosophy or motives back of such lemming-like attempts at self-destruction.

Janet M. James, Chairman, Audit Committee, Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Noisy Litterers

To the Editor  
This article may not be controversial enough for some of us, but I feel that it just might put some to shame! My husband, on several occasions, along with our children, has gone on a private clean-up campaign, picking up discarded beer cans, pop bottles and countless other pieces of trash littering certain stretches of city property here in Greenbelt. He usually spends an hour or more at this job. You'd be surprised at the stares he gets from local citizens and the things that are sometimes yelled out at him! The people making the noise are probably the ones that did the littering in the first place. I might add that he really didn't want anyone to know of this, but I think it might be of importance to someone.

Margaret B. Rall

Parkdale Presents Play

Parkdale's Drama Department, in conjunction with members of the Senior Class, will present Ron Cowan's "Summer Tree" on March 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room.

Written in 1968, "Summertree" is a new anti-war story about a young man who is killed in Viet Nam. The story is told through flashbacks by six characters.

Cast members include John Fitzgerald, Pat Joyce, Cecelia Lacey, Jim Maas, and Mike Prociak.

The Police Blotter

What Chief William B. Lane wryly entitled "The Case of the False Prophet" occurred Wednesday, March 5, when a Springhill Lake resident, acting on woman's intuition, reported that a man in clerical attire was soliciting money for a religious mission in Brazil. As a result the police apprehended a 25 year-old College Park resident, a recent Univ. of Md. graduate in Personnel Administration, and charged him with acting under false pretenses. They impounded \$10.30 which he had collected, some of which was returned. He received a six-month sentence which was reduced to 12 days in jail.

On March 12, in the process of checking a car for a parking violation, Officer Brumley arrested a male and a female young adult for possession of narcotics, marijuana and speed. In another narcotics arrest, two young men were arrested in the parking lot near Candy Cane City when they were observed inhaling airplane glue from a paper bag.

The police have received 14 drug abuse manuals, supplied by the Baltimore city police and the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, for each patrolman to carry with him as part of the state-wide effort to combat drugs.

A Berwyn Heights resident was charged with disorderly conduct when he was observed kicking at a door and making verbal threats at the home of a Greenbelt resident. A job dispute appeared to be the cause.

Further figures released by the police department:

	1969	1970
Narcotics Arrests	0	26
Traffic Accidents	280	324
Traffic Fatalities	0	3

Labor Day Festival Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 30 at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Greenbelt Library.

Plans for the 1971 Festival will be discussed and representatives of all organizations wishing to participate are urged to attend. Volunteers are particularly needed to help with several special categories, such as the beard growing contest and booths. Interested citizens who cannot attend the meeting are asked to call William Lawson, chairman, at 345-3125.

Election of officers will be held, in addition to the appointments of major chairmen.

9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	6:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	7:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M.	Wednesday		Midweek Service

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**Hillside and Crescent Roads**

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Church School Program ..... 11 a.m.  
(Nursery Care Provided)  
Coffee Hour ..... 12 Noon  
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Pastor Robert L. Field

Dialogue Wanted

To the Editor:  
The annual GHI election will be held in mid-May. One may anticipate that soon the air will be filled with divergent views, charges and counter-charges, more than usual if recent events are a guide. So that GHI members may make informed choices, we have a suggestion.

We urge that there be a panel discussion among GHI Board members and some of their outstanding critics to be followed by a period when questions could be addressed to both. The discussion should be under an impartial moderator or a chairman. (If this is arranged, former Councilman and GHI member William Hoff, former GHI member James Cassels, or others, could be persuaded to fill this role.) Late-April might be a good time, the Library or the Center School a good place.

It would be worthwhile to hear more from the critics on the 10 percent increase in monthly charges and on an analytical audit proposed by some. The membership would like to hear the views of both the critics and the Board on the subjects they raise. What is the status of our capital improvements program; of our reserves and working capital? What is the relationship of new homes to the older brick or frame units? The critics claim they do not have access to analytical and critical data or breakdown on fiscal and budget matters. The Board continues to say, "come to the meetings!" On the basis of experience, answers to questions at the formal board meetings are inadequate, presumably because of other pressing business.

We shall be happy to formulate a methodology that would enable an orderly conduct of the meeting. The proposed meeting between the critics and the Board shall not be under the auspices of the latter nor shall its members in any way be the "privileged speakers." Any suggestions to materialize the proposed meeting, the topics to be considered, and procedures to conduct it will be highly appreciated, from the membership. These suggestions may be mailed to either of us.

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6 B Hillside Rd.  
Lekh R. Batra  
2 Q Plateau Place

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**Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Treasurer's Report - 1970**

<b>INCOME</b>			
Carnival	\$5,836.97		
Organization	1,855.78		
Cash Donations	493.28		
Beard Contest Proceeds	21.00		
Earned Interest	20.89		
		\$8,227.92	\$8,227.92
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	\$ 850.72		
Carnival Rides	4,459.59		
Carnival Area	914.10		
Special Events	359.04		
Pirade	926.58		
Awards	249.41		
		\$7,759.44	\$7,759.44
Net Gain			468.48
Bank Balance 3-31-70			1,954.81
			2,323.29
Present Balance 3-16-71			2,323.29
Suburban Trust	\$793.40		
Twin Pines Savings & Loan Co.	\$1,529.89		
Respectfully submitted,			
Shirley A. Meredith, Treas. Greenbelt Labor Day Festival			

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
REGISTRATION FOR NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration for the 1971-72 school year will be held on Monday, March 29, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the school (in Fellowship Hall behind the Community Church, Crescent and Hillside Rds., Greenbelt). The Director and teachers of the School will be present to meet interested parents and to answer questions. A committee of members will also be on hand to help fill-out the registration forms and to show parents the school classrooms.

Two morning classes and one afternoon class will be held; total enrollment is limited to 48. Applicants will be notified of acceptance. An application fee of \$5.00 (no refund) must accompany application form. The present tuition (1970-71) is \$29.00 per month; the tuition for 1971-72 will be determined at the first membership meeting in Sept. The school is non-profit.

**NOTICE TO ALUMNI PARENTS** who may be planning to enroll a child for next year: Despite rapid population growth in the area, we will try to continue to give first consideration to old members. Please plan to register now. Alumni who are still undecided but want places held for their children are urged to notify the membership committee.

**FOR TELEPHONE INFORMATION CALL:**

Mrs. Ryan - 422-8829	Mrs. Berkman - 345-8549
Mrs. Savage - 474-4904	

### City Receives Stop Order On Parcel 7 Play Field

Work to provide a temporary play field on recently acquired parcel 7 (bounded by Crescent, Ivy and Lastner Lanes) has ground to a stop because of a violation notice sent by the Prince Georges Department of Licenses and Permits. The play field, which was requested by Boxwood residents, will be located near Ivy Lane until such time as permanent park development takes place.

According to the violation notice, sent following a complaint to the department, "work may proceed after procurement of the required grading permits." The city maintains that it does not recognize itself as being under the jurisdiction or regulation of Prince Georges County, and therefore, does not plan to obtain a permit.

City Manager James K. Giese told council on Monday night that the city is not placing fill on the play area but merely leveling fill previously dumped on the property by developers. Giese said that, since State law does apply in this matter, the city presently is in the process of preparing a sediment and erosion control plan for submission to the Prince Georges County Soil Conservation District (SCD). According to Giese, the SCD has indicated that due to the temporary nature of the project, a simple sketch plan instead of detailed engineering and topographical plans could be submitted.

### Recreation Review

**Open Gym**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights are now open for basketball at the Youth Center. The Boys Club session is now over — drop by.

**Kite Flying Contest**  
Are you 16 or under? Like to fly kites — Good! The Greenbelt Recreation Department is having a KITE FLYING CONTEST on Saturday, March 27, at Braden Field directly behind the recreation center. Events will include prizes for the steadiest flying kite (with or without tails), most artistic, largest kite, smallest kite, an altitude race, a kite war, longest flying kite, and most unusual. For further information call 474-6878.

**Family Roller Skate**  
Starting March 28, Sunday, at 3 - 5 p.m. there will be Family Skate at the Youth Center. This program will run every Sunday, for families who wish to skate.

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the center mall. Thus, the sidewalks between the stores facing Centerway and Centerway itself are for the most part not city-owned but privately owned. Similarly, the passageways running to the east and west parking lots alongside Co-op and the Medical Center are partly privately owned.

Efforts to get the Cohens to renovate their property have proved unsuccessful to date. Suggestions in the past have been made that the city have the sidewalks deeded to the city so that they could be city-maintained, but no action has been taken.

### Correcting Greenbelt Band Requirements

Five years of playing experience is preferred for musicians wishing to join the Greenbelt Concert Band. The band is an adult group that rehearses Monday evenings at Greenbelt and performs frequent concerts of classics, pop tunes, and marches. All positions are open, call 894-0889 or 345-6789 for details.

### JCC Rummage Sale

A rummage sale sponsored by the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will be held at the building, on Sunday, March 21 from 3-9 p.m. and Monday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A membership meeting will take place Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. The program will feature Mrs. Ben-Haim, a well-known journalist, who will speak on "Life in Israel - Woman's View."

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## GHI Members

At the Annual Membership Meeting and Election in May, 1971 Greenbelt Homes will elect five directors to serve for 2-year terms and three members to the audit committee to serve for 1-year terms. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please fill out the form below and give it to a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee: George Adams, 46-D Ridge, 474-9263; Gordon Allen, 65-H Ridge, 474-4963, Jule Churchill, 65-J Ridge, 345-8588; Douglas Hawes, 5-A Laurel Hill Road, 345-3470; Jackie Shabe, 65-K Ridge Road.

### GHI NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

#### CONSENT FORM

Date .....

I, ....., residing at ....., Greenbelt, Maryland, and being an accredited member of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and therefore eligible, do herewith consent to having my name appear on the Ballot for the annual GHI election to be held in May, 1971. If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability as a member of the:

(Please check where applicable)

..... Board of Directors  
(Directors are elected for 2-year terms)

..... Audit Committee  
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**Meeting on Drug Abuse**

A meeting on drug abuse in Greenbelt, sponsored by Youth For Better Living, will be held at the Greenbelt Library on March 22 at 8 p.m. Dr. A. V. Pinkney, Narcotics Education, will be the speaker. A film titled "A Crutch For All Seasons" will be shown. Come and bring a friend. There is no charge.

# WHAT TO TWIST, MEASURE, OPEN, PEEK INTO, TAP, ASK ABOUT AND FIDDLE WITH BEFORE YOU BUY A RANGE.

You'd be surprised at how many people head for the range of their dreams while they're still asleep. You have maybe a color in mind.

And maybe a price you won't go higher than.

What happens? Zonk. More range than you need, gadgets you got talked into, and the disappointment of discovering a feature you needed but didn't know about.

To help prevent some of this, read on.

**Will it fit?**

Take a good look at your kitchen. Make sure cabinets aren't too low for that eye-level oven you're just sure will fit. If they are, consider a waist-level oven, adjacent to the surface units. Oh, and make sure your new oven door won't open into something. Like the telephone.

If you're remodeling your kitchen, look at ranges first. You may want surface cooking units in one place, ovens in another and remote controls in yet another. New electric ranges will surprise you with their flexibility. (Remember, you don't have pipes to connect.)

**Doodads and whatchamacallits.**

If you don't have all day to hang around the kitchen, look for the following:

Automatic surface units, that sense when the noodles are boiling and reduce the temperature just in time.

An automatic meat thermometer. It knows when your roast is done, and it does something about it. Like buzz. Or reduce the oven temperature from cook to keep-warm.

Timers. You can literally wake up to hot coffee and breakfast buns warming in the oven. Or come home at six to a ham that began baking while you were at Wheaton Plaza and was turned off just as you reached the Beltway.

A barbeque grill, interchangeable with a Teflon® coated griddle. Nice, but if you get a speed-broiler, you may change your mind about the grill, as they sort of overlap a little. For the same money, you might get something else.

Like a food warming shelf. This is excellent if you entertain, because you can keep rolls and side dishes hot while you concentrate on the main course. It also heats plates and keeps second helpings at first-helping temperatures.



A dual broiler is a tempting doodad. Put the hors d'oeuvres under one, the flank steaks under the other. But think. Do you have an outdoor grill? Do you broil that often? Maybe you'd rather skip broiler number two and get an automatic rotisserie instead.

The point is, learn what's available. Weigh one feature against another. After all, you're going to have the range a long time.

**Is it a hassle to clean?**

The electric self-cleaning oven is the most talked about feature going. And you don't need an ad to tell you its advantages.

But don't forget the rest of the range. Nose around the various panels, knobs and corners. You can

usually place drip pans into the oven during the self-cleaning cycle, but if you must clean them by hand, make sure they're easy to remove. In some cases, the whole cooktop may be raised in one fell swoop.

New electric ranges have a minimum of seams and crevices to clean around, especially those models with flat, ceramic cooking surfaces that look like counters.

**And furthermore.**

These are only some of the good things to twist, turn and fiddle with. You can see more by looking over the many makes and models at the Electric Institute Appliance Showroom, Pepco Building, 10th and E Streets, N.W.

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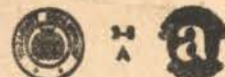
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### Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers L. Williams, 107 Periwinkle, will have an international helper, Gesiena Blaawv of the Netherlands, living with them for six months.

Sid Barnett and Larry Fink were the winners at last Friday's duplicate bridge session. A point and a half behind was the team of Jule Churchill and Al Skolnik. Next game: March 26.

Jack Willard, 43 Lakeside, a teacher at High Point Senior High School was appointed to the position of Supervisor of Boys Physical Education.

Happy birthday to Sally Gough, 115 White Birch, who celebrated her seventh birthday last week.

Dr. Lee M. Brown of Greenbelt, assistant professor of journalism, was one of two faculty members awarded an administrative internship, which will enable him to take part in the running of the University of Maryland's College Park campus.

Airman Charles D. Long, son of Mrs. Tula Long, of 56-C Ridge Road, has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U.S. Air Force refrigeration and air conditioning specialist course. The airman is being assigned to Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., for duty with a unit of the Headquarters Command.

### Little Theatre Group Seeks New Membership

Residents of both old and new Greenbelt interested in community theater are invited to attend the Membership Meeting of the SHL Players on Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in the Community Room (above the drug store) in Spring-hill Lake.

Despite its restrictive name, the SHL Players are dedicated to serving the little theater needs of the entire community, and they soon plan to move many of the group's activities out of SHL and into Greenbelt proper. To achieve this goal, the group needs interested Greenbelters of all ages, men and women, but also directors, technicians, and stagehands.

Plan to attend this new member meeting. Refreshments will be served, entertainment provided, and plans announced for the June show. For further information call 474-1058.

### Boys'-Girls' Club News

Greenbelt's 14-and-under boys basketball must play New Carrollton's 14's in a play-off after both clubs finished the second half with identical 5 wins - 1 loss records.

Although New Carrollton has the season edge, 11-1, to Greenbelt's 8-4 record, they must play Greenbelt for the second half championship. The first half was won by the Carrollton team. If they beat Greenbelt in the play-off, they are division champions. If Greenbelt wins, then another game must be played to determine the top team.

Standout players on the Greenbelt 14's are: Bill Kellaher, Mark Weiss and John Jenkins.

Coaches or assistant coaches are still needed for many teams. Men and women are eligible to head baseball or softball teams. Please contact Joe Wilkinson, Athletic Director, as soon as possible. (474-6893).

Boys, ages 13-18, interested in playing baseball and girls, ages 8-18, interested in playing softball should register during the week of March 29 through April 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Parents are reminded of the meeting next Tuesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building (Police Station).

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**CORK'S** will pop when you get into this very fine 2 BR show-place with dishwasher, Washer, dryer & 2 A/C's. Take over pmts. of \$88/mo. after dwn. pmt. \$11,550.

**ELVES** must have gone to work on this 2 BR home near Greenbelt because it is perfect throughout. Basement ready for finishing and pleasant lot. Take over pmts. of \$148/mo. after dwn. pmt. Call about this --- \$22,700.

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**ITS A SHAM ROCK** did not find out about this beautiful 3 BR 2 bath C/A home with all of the appliances you need as well as W/W carpet; Garage included with this home \$33,000 FHA/VA terms.

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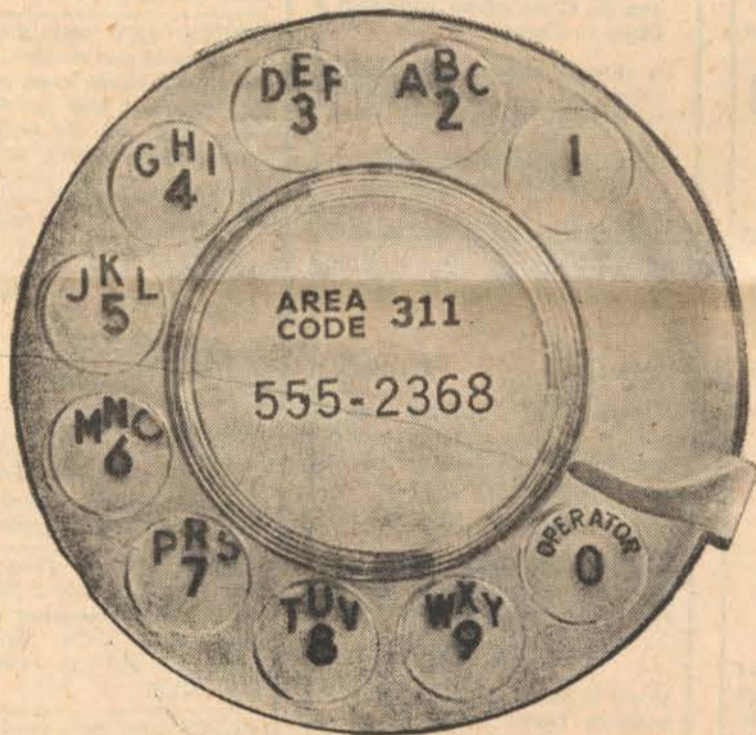
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