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## City Council Kept Busy by Traffic, Recycling Problems

by Bob McGee

It was study, restudy and deferred action time to a high degree at the regular meeting of city council last Monday evening, November 1, as a large number of Greenbelt citizens voiced opinions. Council added seven new items to an already heavy agenda, only to find about 11:45 p.m. that it could not even finish the regular agenda items.

Traffic problems, ecology, and smoking, and the latest chapter in the Greenbriar development were the big topics for discussion. Council also filled three vacancies on citizen advisory boards. Appointed to the Advisory Planning Board to replace Councilman Weidenfeld was Richard Alpher, Springhill Lake; and, to replace Stephen Polaschik, Mrs. Eileen M. Turner, Lakeside Drive, was unanimously appointed. Both terms of office will expire in October 1972. Mrs. Sandra W. Bracken, Southway Road, was appointed to fill an existing vacancy on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

### Traffic Problem

Traffic problems on Greenbelt Road, especially at the intersections of Kenilworth, Edmonston, Cherrywood Lane, and Southway Roads, took a major part of the attention of council. Two representatives of the State Roads Commission, M. S. Caltrider and Thomas Hicks, were present to answer questions of council and citizens.

It became evident that the proposed traffic overpass of Kenilworth, though in an initial cost-study phase, was not part of the priorities of the State Roads Commission's five-year plan. Caltrider thought that with the entire city of Greenbelt and surrounding area now concerned about the traffic density and peak loads at this intersection, that the political climate is probably now ripe for a move to change the priorities to include this project.

In the meantime, he and Hicks felt that perhaps as much as 30% improvement might be made in the situation by a recycling and an integration of the lights with the new set to be placed at Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt Road intersection, and, simultaneously closing off the Edmonston Road entrance to Springhill Lake by extending the left turn lane from Greenbelt Road (East) into Kenilworth Avenue (North).

### Recycling

A great deal of discussion centered on a proposal by Michael Chew for a total recycling program for Greenbelt. It was apparent that citizens and council were interested in developing as much of a program as is feasible for the City. The matter was referred to city manager, James Giese for a report in the future.

### New Ordinance

Council approved first reading of an ordinance to create a special taxing district to finance pedestrian malls, parking facilities and street and area lighting; and to provide for the levying of an ad valorem tax on real and personal property within the taxing district. In accordance with a Park and Recreation Advisory Board report on violations of the water pollution and grading ordinances, council acted to notify all violators by letter, as well as follow-up notification to the appropriate enforcement agencies.

The council also went on record in support of a bill recently introduced before the county council by Francis W. White, county councilman of the First District of Prince Georges County, which, if enacted, will require a deposit of five cents on every container of

malt beverage or soft drink. The aim of the bill would be to encourage consumers to return containers for recycling. The Council accepted reports from APB, relating to a special exception and parking waiver for a professional office in Charlestown Village Apts., and from PRAB — Report No. 17-71 — but action on these two matters was deferred until the next meeting.

### Action Deferred

Deferred was action on a proposal to establish a Prince Georges County drug prevention program in the Ridge Road Recreation center, a position or comments by council in reference to a request by the county council for reaction to research into Interstate 95 and 70-S proposals, and a proposed ordinance amending the peddlers and hawkers regulations to prohibit the use, on a permanent basis, of city streets and road rights-of-ways by vendors.

Council also agreed to further explore the possibilities for establishing overpasses over all major roadways where needed to facilitate the passage of Greenbelt citizens by foot, baby carriage or bicycle. The original motion by councilman Gil Weidenfeld — for a pedestrian overpass to connect Springhill Lake with the rest of Greenbelt — was expanded at the request of councilwoman Rhea Cohen.

The council commended Gary Stenhouse for doing a fine job as acting city manager during the recent trip of Giese to Europe. Council, in return, was commended by the Springhill Lake Civic Association for opposing an application for a beer, wine and liquor on-sale license for a restaurant to be located on the Stidham Tire property on Edmonston Road. In addition to Mayor Dick Pilski, Councilwoman Cohen and Elizabeth Maffay attended the public hearing on the matter by the Board of License Commissioners on October 21, and Mrs. Cohen submitted a written statement.

## LEAF VACUUM

Starting November 8 the City leaf vacuum machine will make regular rounds to collect leaves throughout the community. As in previous seasons, residents are asked to place these in piles adjacent to the curb and to be sure that other debris, such as sticks, are disposed of separately. The City leaf vacuum can be put out of commission by such debris.

Branches and sticks will be collected and chipped by City crews on a regular basis.

### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 4, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Continuation Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. City-Wide Paper Drive

Mon., Nov. 8, 7:45 p.m. Special GHI Budget Hearing, Hamilton Pl.

8 p.m. Special City Council Meeting on Greenbriar Development

Tues., Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Jr. High PTA Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 11, 7:45 p.m. Woman's Club Membership Meeting

## Confusion Over County Ruling In Greenbriar Exception Case

by Al Skolnik

Greenbelters are upset over apparent discrepancies in the official findings and conclusions issued last week by the county council's legal staff regarding the parking waiver and special exceptions for the 1193-unit Greenbriar apartment project planned for the Smith-Ewing North tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

On August 10, the county council by an 8-2 vote had approved the special exceptions requested by the developers for construction of bedrooms in excess of the county ordinance, but with certain conditions. The council then directed its Office of Law to prepare the language of the approval.

### Missing Conditions

On October 30 the findings were issued but do not appear to contain all the conditions specified by the county in its action of August 10. The major conditions not included are stipulations that:

(1) the exceptions would be applicable only as long as the current arrangements for financing the "luxury-type" project (through Manhattan Savings Bank) are in existence;

(2) the developer would file with the county zoning authorities twice yearly reports giving the total occupancy per unit and the total occupancy of the project; and

(3) the site plan would provide for satisfactory recreational areas and facilities and meet all other requirements of a subdivision plan.

These conditions were recommended by the Greenbelt city council, and county councilman Royal Hart, in making the motion for approval on August 10, had specified that all the conditions recommended by the city council be incorporated in the favorable findings of fact.

The October 30 report issued by the county legal staff did specify, as recommended by the city, that the developer apply occupancy limits through lease agreements with his tenants. However, even in this regard, no mention is made of the city recommendations that the developer apply a schedule of minimum rental amounts and that the developer abide by the conditions proposed in his original justification submitted with his applications.

Thus, there appears to be no guarantee that a "luxury-type" apartment would be built.

### Occupancy Limits

The occupancy limits set down

## Special Council Meeting Will Consider Sewer Plant Request

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbriar apartment development came into the lime-light again at last Monday's city council meeting with the disclosure that the owners were seeking a temporary sewage treatment plant to serve the proposed project east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Councilwoman Rhea Cohen expressed her annoyance that the city had not been notified of the request and bombarded developer, Alan Kay, and his representatives, George Brugger and Les Smith with a battery of questions regarding the design, location and environmental effects of such a plant. Because of the late hour and council's wish for more detailed information, a special meeting on Greenbriar was set for next Monday, November 8.

A proposal for a temporary plant was originally submitted to the State Department of Health (SDH) in March 1971 to serve both the Greenbriar and Glen Ora Apartments until the State sewage moratorium was lifted. (The SDH has the final say on whether or not to approve the point of sewage discharge). When reaction toward the proposal by County Executive

William Gullett was unfavorable, the SDH suspended its evaluation of the request.

The developer then sought, as an alternative solution, the acquisition of land with pre-moratorium sewer rights. In August, Kay contracted to buy 20 acres of apartment-zoned R-18 land in the Northampton area, which was thought to have full authorization for sewage. By transferring these rights to the Greenbriar project, the developer hoped to get assurance of immediate sewage hook-up for 400 units, which he says must be constructed by August 1972 to meet conditions laid down by the lender.

This hope, however, evaporated after it was discovered that the Northampton tract also had conditions attached which would not permit sewer connections until the moratorium is lifted.

The developer then reactivated his request for a temporary sewer package plant. W. McLean Bingley of SDH said that the request is now being evaluated but that the department is waiting to hear the views of the county government on the matter.

### Description of Plant

Kay said that the temporary sewerage plant being considered was a highly sophisticated installation offering tertiary treatment. This treatment is more advanced and different from the so-called "secondary" treatment, which is normally provided for in the treatment plants of the Washington area.

The treatment plant, which needs about an acre of land at the lowest gravity point, would be located at the (northern) tip of the apex of the Smith-Ewing tract. A storm retention area is also designated for part of this parcel, but Kay said that the plant would not interfere with this operation.

From the plant the effluent would go into the tributary of Beaver Dam Creek and flow under the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in a westerly direction, then northerly through parcels 1 and 2, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center, then into Beaver Dam Creek, Indian Creek, the lakes in the gravel pit near Branchville, the Anacostia and the Potomac.

### Intermittent Stream

The fact that the stream is an intermittent flowing stream (dry in the dry seasons) would not be a problem, according to Kay, because of the high quality of effluent (liquid discharge) going into the stream. There were those at Monday's council meeting who were skeptical and demanded more scientific data.

According to one county health official, if the plant is designed properly and everything is running well with no mistakes, then the sewage coming out should be reasonably safe in secondary treatment plants and even more so in tertiary plants as far as bacteria is concerned. However, he admitted that he does not particularly favor using intermittent streams because of the possibility that the plant would not be operated at peak efficiency at all times.

According to county and State authorities, it takes a lot of money to come out with effluent of so-called "drinking-water quality," but Kay says "I'm ready to spend it."

Kay also stressed that the plant would be of a temporary nature. See Greenbriar Sewers, p. 8, c. 1

## Notice of Special Meeting

Monday, Nov. 8, 1971

at 8:00 PM

The City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Monday Evening, November 8th, to consider the following:

### GREENBRIAR

Gudrun H. Mills  
City Clerk

## Paper Pick-up Friday

Friday morning, November 5, is the time to have your bundled newspapers and magazines ready by 8:30 a.m. for pick-up at the following locations:

University Square and Springhill Lake - next to any yellow curb;

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. - At the entranceway to the court;

Lakeside North - at the Ridge Road entrance;

Charlestowne North - in the central storage area;

Charlestowne Village - Along Lakecrest Drive;

Single Family Homes - Next to the curb by your driveway.



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Church Census Continues

The clergy and lay leaders of Greenbelt's religious groups wish to thank the people of the city for their courtesy and cooperation in making Greenbelts' religious census a successful undertaking. Due to the inclement weather last Sunday the volunteers working on this ecumenical project were unable to cover a few areas in the city. These sections will be called upon this weekend and those who were not at home last week will receive a second call.

The churches concerned have printed a new street map of the Greenbelt area which they are distributing as a public service. Those who did not receive the map are advised that extra copies will be made available at all places of worship in the city. In the meantime, the census visitors are distributing the map to those who care to receive a copy.

The Greenbelt Churches

RECYCLE GLASS

The City of Greenbelt urges citizens to bring glass to the glass deposit area at the City Warehouse located at the corner of Crescent Road and Kenilworth Avenue. Glass may be left at the warehouse from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please follow these simple instructions in turning in your scrap glass.

- 1. Sort it by color—clear, green and brown. There will be a separate barrel for each color;
2. Remove any metal rings or caps from the bottles as these cannot be recycled with the glass. Don't worry about labels since they will burn off in the glass furnaces.

Samuel Jacobs

Samuel Jacobs, 37-B Ridge Road, died on Friday, Oct. 29.

Mr. Jacobs entered service with the U.S. Post Office in 1945 in Washington D.C. He was transferred to Greenbelt Post Office in Sept. 1960, and was promoted to Assistant Postmaster in 1964.

Mr. Jacobs was active in the Greenbelt Bridge Club, the Greenbelt Democratic Club, and was a member of the Jewish Community Center (Mishkan Torah).

Mr. Jacobs is survived by his wife Claire and by his brother, Hyman Freedman of New York City.

Edward Schurr

Former Greenbelter Edward Schurr died in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Saturday, October 30. The funeral was held Monday, November 1, in West Palm Beach, where Mr. Schurr made his home.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; a daughter, Bernice Ezekiel and three grandchildren of Dayton, Ohio; and a son, David, of Berkeley, California.

Mrs. Schurr resides at Waltham 123, Century Village, West Palm Beach.

Little League

The 1971 Greenbelt Little League season concluded Saturday, October 2, with the annual banquet, held at the Greenbelt Fire Department.

The 1971 Little League City Championship trophy was presented to the D.A.V. Tigers' manager Larnie Palmer. Individual trophies were presented to each member of the Tigers. The American League Championship Trophy was presented to Jerry Schafer of the Pepsi Cola Athletics. Individual trophies were also presented to each member of the Athletics.

Individual Trophies were presented for outstanding accomplishments as follows:

The Walter Dean Trophy was awarded to Mike Miedzinski of the American Legion Cardinals as the National League's Most Valuable Player.

The Bernie Emmert Trophy was presented to Russell Maffay of the Cubs as the Most Valuable Player of the American League.

The Tom McAndrew Trophy was awarded to Scott Fitzenrieter of the D.A.V. Tigers as the National League Rookie of the Year and to Jimmy Thurston of the Greenbelt Carryout Indians as the American League Rookie of the Year.

Manager "Dinks" Lloyd of the American Legion Cardinals accepted the Sportsmanship Trophy on behalf of his players and coaches. This award is given each year to the team displaying outstanding Sportsmanship throughout the season.

Clifton "Bud" Raley was presented the Annual Award for Meritous Service. This award is given each year to the adult who has contributed the most to the youth of Greenbelt. His name will be permanently inscribed on the award plaque displayed in the Municipal Building.

At the October meeting the following officers were elected for the 1972 season: President, Bill Ball; Vice President, Larnie Palmer; Secretary, Norman McCarthy; Treasurer, Bob Maxwell. Jim Fountain will continue as Commissioner.

St. Hugh's Antique Fair

St. Hugh's Antique Show committee announced that the second annual Antique Fair will open at the St. Hugh's Church Hall on Friday, December 3. The fair will run for three days through Sunday, December 5.

Chairmen Thomas and Win Skillman said that more than 25 dealers will participate in the three day event. Dealers from six states along the eastern coast will show the finest in antiques and collectibles.

The range of items will include furniture, glassware, guns, stamps, toys, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, paintings. The show is scheduled so that buyers may consider the wide variety of antiques as possible Christmas gift items.

The show is again being promoted by Bellman Productions.

The Green Pumpkin Was Here

It was the night before Halloween (better know as "Devil's Nite," by the youth and police of the city). This is the night the good citizens of Greenbelt let their children turn into vandals. These kids get a lot of fun out of soaping up cars and houses, throwing eggs at cars and people, maybe a little paint here and there, and there, and finally, decorating trees and shrubs with paper. Is this fun or is it vandalism?

I, The Green Pumpkin decided to have some good, clean fun on Halloween night. My first and easiest objective was the Water Tower on Ridge Rd. Here I dropped over the side a large banner with a picture of myself on it. This banner could be seen as far away as Springhill Lake.

My second objective was to place a banner at the City Warehouse for all of Kenilworth Ave to see. This was accomplished with ease.

Next, I placed a flag of my own at the GHI Offices. This took a bit of tactical maneuvering.

Then, in the darkness and the shadows of the swimming pool, I erected still another banner on the flagpole.

The final objective was the headquarters of our fine, respected police. Here I put up a portrait of myself, smiling down upon the police. This also was done with ease.

Don't you think this was a little more constructive than rash vandalism? I challenge the youth of the City to come up with something as good next year.

Being Green, I am new around here but I will be back next year.

The Green Pumpkin Adult Coaches Needed

Basketball season is just on the next page of the calendar, uniforms and equipment are ready, and boys and girls are calling about sign-ups.

But while there are always plenty of boys and girls to play ball, it will be doubtful whether there will, once again, be enough adults to coach the many coming out for the sport.

Last season there were enough 10, 11, and 12 year-old boys registered to make six teams; the 10 year-olds had 22 on that team alone. The girls, in their first year of organized basketball, averaged 16 players and were still calling to register after the season was over.

But, there was only one woman basketball coach for four girls' teams, the 16-year old boys' team didn't have a coach and the 10-year old team had only one coach. Baseball, softball, and football have the same problems with coaching personnel, and there is no telling what to expect this year since several of the coaches have moved out of town.

Men and women are needed in the Boys' and Girls' Club. Basketball starts next month; baseball, softball, football, cheerleading, soccer and bowling are in the future.

No pay is involved, but if you want to do something for the boys and girls of the community and help coach any sport, contact Archie Millholland, 120 Rosewood Drive or call 474-8514.

The Boys' and Girls' Club

State Re-Appportionment LWV Topic for November

The Greenbeltville Unit of the League of Women Voters of Prince George's County will discuss on Thursday evening, Nov. 11, the equalization of the state legislative districts which, according to the constitutional amendment passed in the fall of 1970, gives the legislature forty-five days from the beginning of the January 1972 session to effect the changes resulting from the 1970 census.

In the case of the failure to act by the legislature, the Governor's plan would take effect. The members will also review National Program suggestions. The meetings start at 8 p.m. at the Co-op Hospitality room in the Centerway.

For further information, please call Mrs. James Cooley, membership chairman at 345-1385.

Greenbriar Sewage Plant

The "Luxury Greenbriar Development" now requires a "Luxury package treatment plant." The surprising revelation at Monday's city council meeting that the developer of Greenbriar made application for a temporary (sic) sewage treatment plant to be located on land previously set aside for greenspace, is further proof of the poor judgment shown by the previous city council in approving that special exception for Greenbriar in August of this year.

At hearings before the county council and at city council meetings, citizens expressed concern about the lack of sewer facilities for this project, and labeled it premature. The pleas of the citizens were ignored and the exception was granted. The self-interest pleading of the developer seems to have influenced the thinking of our elected officials so that they can't see, or don't want to see, the harmful prospects inherent in this project.

The developer's traffic expert, Mr. Hunnicutt, testified that the underpass at Kenilworth and Greenbelt Rd. is planned for construction very soon. We learn from SRC officials on Monday night that this project is not even in the current Five Year Plan. The developer's agent, Mr. Brugger is quoted, "We will have our sewer," and we learn Monday night what his idea of sewer is.

Think, Greenbelters, THINK of a hot summer's night with the pungent aroma of human waste wafting across the parkway and down the Beltway and ask yourself if you can stand it? And then, ask your elected city and county officials if they can stand it. Councilman Schwan has graciously asked the developer and his associates to return on Monday, Nov. 8 to tell council of the glories of sewer technology. I suggest interested citizens attend this meeting to tell Council about voter technology.

Thomas X. White

Fight Tyranny

Re sidewalks on the original Lakeside Drive. May I point out that when we purchased our lot, we were assured by the salesman that Lakeside would dead-end below 47 Lakeside. Result, a through street, with look-alike houses and high rise apartments just beyond, thanks to our developer-oriented city council.

Those individuals who built, bought or rented on Lakeside extended, KNEW there were no sidewalks on the original Lakeside Drive. Why the hue and cry now? There is a fire trail running parallel to Lakeside which is more heavily traveled by children from Lakeside extended than Lakeside Drive. It would be much less expensive, for the city and myself to improve that access to St. Hugh's, Center School and the Library than to try to build a sidewalk that is even with some rooftops. What does the good city manager plan to do with the telephone and electric poles which are inside the 3-foot "Right of Way"?

To try to force the residents of the original Lakeside Drive to pay for the installation of a so called "improvement," which will raise already prohibitive city and county property taxes, amounts to tyranny on the part of the manager and the current council.

I for one am willing to fight tyranny all the way to the Supreme Court. Will the other victims on Lakeside join me?

Viola L. Keer

GHI Futures

Why should GHI's future be discussed? Simply because there are still alternatives available.

Thanks to the original Greenbelt planning, we can avoid the rapid neighborhood deterioration usual at this age. Instead, we present-day citizens may look forward to a pleasant and convenient community for decades to come. Not automatically: only as long as we are agreed on the basic policies to guide the changes its aging processes bring, and are willing to give some thought and effort to keeping them current and functional. Then there is always "many a slip . . ."

Naturally, GHI members inhabit these older neighborhoods and have the closest interest in how they age. But other Greenbelt residents have property values at stake, too, and should accordingly be heard. This proposed "GHI Futures" discussion welcomes interested non-GHI Greenbelters as well as members.

Doesn't the GHI Board guide policy development for the Corporation? Sure, and the Board is so tied up with day-to-day and year-to-year operations (ask a Board member!) that it hardly has time to reflect on how today's actions affect tomorrow's trends.

The Long-Range Planning Committee? This Committee performs a valuable service for the Board. It is currently investigating a number of very important details, but, besides operating through a two-way Board filter, it lacks input to represent the interests of the larger community - the "other" Greenbelt.

What will discussing the future accomplish? It's certain we won't long keep something we express no interest in. We don't believe tomorrow will be cancelled due to lack of interest, so let's see what it looks like from here and start preparing for it.

If my phone is busy (teenagers!), please leave your name and phone number at Twin Pines for "GHI Futures."

Gordon Allen

Thanks

The Officers and Members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. would like to thank the Greenbelt Shell Service Station for its fine cooperation in assisting us in our simulated rescue drill on October 27.

This simulated drill was conducted as part of our training program in treating the injured as a result of an automobile accident. Simulated drill conditions are a necessity in that actual emergency conditions are imposed upon the rescue personnel engaged in the exercise.

Heubert J. Crisman

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410 Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-3381 Worship Service 11:00 A.M. (Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00) Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.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 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Midweek Service

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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PAPER PICK-UP FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Have your papers in the designated pick-up area by 8:30 A.M. In the event they are missed, call the City Offices, 474-8000. In case of rain, do not put papers out until Monday, November 8, or the next dry day thereafter.



# GHI BOARD RECEIVES PROPOSAL TO PAINT ALL TRIM ONE COLOR

by Al Skolnik

A revolutionary proposal for painting the exterior trim of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. row houses all one color was given a rocky reception at the October 28 GHI board meeting. Although board members were non-committal, objections were voiced from the audience.

Under the suggestion advanced by the GHI Aesthetics Committee, the corporation would, under its regular 5-year cycle paint program, automatically paint the trim in both the frame and brick homes off-white. At present, the corporation gives the residents of a row a choice of color, provided there is uniformity within the court.

Joe Vella, who presented the proposal as chairman of the Committee, said that this proposal would not only provide some money savings to the corporation (through not switching paints and paint brushes, etc.), but also would eliminate the time and effort the corporation now expends in trying to get neighbors to agree upon colors. He thought the off-white would be a neutral color that would be compatible with any of the 22 colors now allowed for exterior wall paint.

The off-white color would apply to everything that GHI is now duty-bound to trim paint, including doors, except that one door could be painted by an individual member in any color of his choosing. The member, of course, as before, also may choose the color of his shutters and other items not included in the GHI trim paint program.

### Comments

The board decided not to discuss the proposal but to put it on the November 11 agenda. Nevertheless, some members of the audience immediately expressed their dismay, mainly because they were attached to the colors they already had. Eunice Coxon observed that in some cases two coats of off-white paint would be needed to cover existing dark trims, thus eating up any savings. Mabel Kandler objected to the uniform color treatment, saying that "we have been trying to get away from the barracks approach."

Another Aesthetics Committee proposal deals with a requirement that a member must paint the exterior of his home once every seven years or steel-brush it in lieu of painting.

### Budget

Unable to get to the budget at the October 28 meeting, the board voted to have a special Monday-night work session on November 8, at which time the board will consider suggestions for trimming the budget. The board, practically convinced that the 1972 budget increase cannot be kept to less than 10 percent, also tentatively scheduled a general membership meeting for Wednesday, December 8.

Despite the board's reluctance to discuss the budget Thursday, some members of the audience wished to go on record against what they thought were "phony figures" dealing with trash collection costs. In the first-round draft of the budget prepared by management, an increase of \$19,000 in this item was projected for calendar year 1972, based on informal impressions gained as to what the city would charge for trash collection starting July 1. The critics, notably Mrs.

Coxon and Mrs. Martha Hutzler, said that they had talked to city councilmen and city officials, who said that they had no knowledge of any pending increases. Michael Chew argued that if an intensive recycling program were undertaken, there would be no need for any increase in trash collection fees.

Two members of the audience, Barbara Llkowski and Vella, expressed opposition to the proposed management survey as an unnecessary budget expense.

### Other Action

The board decided to suspend the experimental shingle paint program for the frame homes until GHI receives recommendations from the planned maintenance and structural survey. Director Tom White wanted the experiment continued so that GHI would have several options to choose from in determining what to do with the frame home exteriors.

The board approved a policy of replacing on a systematic basis radiator valves, but because of budgetary problems decided not to fund the program until later. GHI manager Roy Breashears said that the replacement program could not be done until next summer anyhow since the heat must be first turned off.

The board denied a request of a member transferring to another GHI home to delay sale of his home until the two-year no-profit period expires.

An exhausting part of the evening was spent hearing members' problems dealing with such matters as roof and window leakages, request for cutting off walkways, water puddles under houses, etc. When one member eventually got up to say that she had no complaints, GHI president Nat Shinderman could not refrain from exclaiming, "God bless you!"

### GDC Meeting

At the Greenbelt Development Corporation meeting preceding the GHI meeting, the six-months operating statement for the GHI-owned Parkway apartments was discussed. A deficit arose during the first six months of 1971 because of \$7,400 worth of one-time work done by the corporation to conform with the new county code.

### Tickets on Sale For P. G. Symphony Ball

Tickets are now available for the first "Prince George's Symphony Ball," to be held at the Fannon Hall, St. Ambrose Church, in Cheverly on Saturday, November 20, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The fundraising dance is sponsored by the Orchestra Guild for the Prince George's Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Eugenia Sorgnit, 577-6146 or the Arts Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 277-2200, Ext. 322.

# Anti-Smoking Group Petitions City Council

Stating that she had a "petition, a request, and a fervent plea," during the petitions and requests period of the agenda, Helen Geller, representing the Greenbelt Chapter of Group Against Smoking Pollution (GASP), asked the City Council to ban smoking during Council meetings.

According to GASP, non smokers, who comprise approximately 2/3 of the adult population, often suffer a variety of irritating and physically damaging effects ranging from eye irritation and headaches to nausea and allergic reactions from the indoor air pollution created by tobacco smoke, and are thus denied a participation in the governing process. At a time when we are all concerned with improving the environment, said Mrs. Geller, when the Surgeon General and the World Health Organization have called for the elimination of smoking from all areas of public meeting, and when many government agencies have already banned smoking, GASP feels that Greenbelt has the opportunity towards safeguarding the basic right of the people—the right to breathe.

Mayor Pilski, saying that this was a controversial subject, decided to put the matter on the agenda of the next City Council meeting, adding that the request had brought out many new faces. When he asked for a show of hands of GASP members, in the event that there would be time to bring it up under "miscellaneous," several members of the audience enthusiastically became "instant" members.

The atmosphere was noticeably free of tobacco smoke for most of the evening.

# News Review Board

The 1971-72 officers of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, sponsors of the Greenbelt News Review, were elected at a special meeting on October 31. Present officers reelected to another term were Al Skolnik as president, Sid Kastner as vice-president, Sandra Barnes as secretary, and Mary Lou Williamson as treasurer. These four members, plus Virginia Beauchamp, were elected to the board at the annual membership meeting on October 17. The board elects its own officials. Mary Granofsky will continue as editor and Virginia Beauchamp as associate editor.

# Jr. High PTA Meeting

The November P.T.A. Meeting of Greenbelt Jr. High School will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents, teachers and students of Greenbelt Jr. High School are urged to attend and join. There will be group discussions on Parents', Teachers' and Students' concerns. Dr. Richard A. Wunderlich, Director of the Guide Program in Washington, D.C. and Prince Georges County will be there to help answer any questions which may arise concerning the many problems and challenges which face our youth and parents today. Dr. Wunderlich is associated with the Dept. of Psychology of Catholic University.

# Public Rally on I-95

The Prince George's Environment Coalition is planning a public rally to be held Sunday, November 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Duckpond on Md. Rt. 193 (Northwestern Branch Park, Adelphi). The Coalition is pressing to prevent the construction of super highway I-95 south of the Beltway, and will attempt through the rally to bring further pressure for the removal of I-95 from the twenty-year-need highway study issued recently by Maryland's Dept. of Transportation.

Public officials and others are scheduled to express their views at the rally in a series of planned presentations. There will be short guided tours to demonstrate the proposed I-95 route and the ecological harm which may result if constructed according to plan.

# COHEN PARTY

Rhea and Leonard Cohen invite all the workers, contributors and supporters of Mrs. Cohen's recent City Council campaign to a thank-you party this Saturday, November 6. Starting at 9 p.m., the party will be held at the Jay Cees' Building next to St. Hugh's School, 145 Crescent Rd. Beer and set-ups will be provided.

# Woman's Club News

The Greenbelt Woman's Club will hold its board meeting Thursday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Churchill, 65-J Ridge Road.

A membership meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:45 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library. Dr. John Churchill will show a film and speak on "Time, Work and Leisure."

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# Atlantis on the Hill

This is the second in a series of excerpts from a manuscript entitled Atlantis on the Hill: A History of Greenbelt, Maryland, 1932-1970 prepared by a New Jersey scholar, Robert Muller. Today's chapter deals with the occupying of the project.

## Chapter Five

**The Cooperative Community**  
"Of all the New Deal agencies, perhaps the Rehabilitation Administration was the most spectacular, and of all its grandiose ventures, Greenbelt is the epitome." (68) Rexford Tugwell was gone, and yet, his spirit lingered on.

### (I)

Roy S. Braden, acting city manager and supervisor of the project since its inception was emphatic about the social aspect of Greenbelt. "We realize that we have a job of education on our hands. We aren't going to force anything on the families. We will help develop and further interest in group living, as contrasted with an individual philosophy." (72)

Families were therefore selected by numerous tests: need for housing; income qualifications; mode of life; and interest in group living. The Greenbelt Town Selection Staff was to eventually pick 885 future residents from 9000 candidates.

### (II)

In September, 1937, Henry Wallace announced the official death of RA, and the fact that Greenbelt would be ready for occupancy about October 1.

Commercial enterprises were to be run by a branch of Boston merchant Edward A. Filene's Consumer Distribution Corporation. "Since 1909, Filene had preached a gospel of co-operative retail merchandising, financing co-ops through the unco-operative profits from Filene's Department Store. His goal was a nation wide league of U.S. co-operatives. At Greenbelt, the C.D.C. would run the general store, drug-store, food and meat market, cinema, barber shop, garage and milk route. Prices were not to be much lower than elsewhere, but after the government got a small percentage of the gross receipts profits went back to the Greenbeltians." (75)

### (III)

Therefore, as 1937 drew to a close, Washingtonians initiated the migration to Greenbelt. For the most part these people "had lived in the typical dwellings of Washington, the block house, a two or four family building, one of a series of such buildings that stretches the entire length of a city block. There are windows at the front and rear of the building; rooms in the center of the building are dark. Between the twin rows of houses are tiny yards or alleys laden with garbage cans. The apartments are carelessly planned and there is a serious shortage of these, even at rentals out of proportion to the family income." (76)

Now, their home was situated "on a carefully landscaped knoll of reclaimed farm land, laid out in a wide crescent with the commercial center situated in the middle. Main trunk highways, with cheap bus service to Washington, skirt Greenbelt, whose 18 miles of paved highways and 18 miles of walks are so arranged that only pedestrians who intend to commit suicide ever need be run over. Greenbeltians who own cars, can store them in garages for \$1.00 a month, or leave them in free convenient parking lots. In addition, Greenbelt is blessed with a library, community auditorium, recreation center, 25 acre lake, two schools, and no taxes." (77)

### (IV)

Naturally, opposition mounted as occupancy drew near. "Greenbelt is characteristic of New Deal housing ventures. For nearly five years the humanitarian Roosevelt Administration has stumbled and fumbled along with such expensive, unco-ordinated demonstration projects, which made scarcely a dent in the great and growing problem of providing adequate living quarters for the ill housed one third of America . . . if Greenbelt homes were put on the open market, they would bring about three

or four times the rent which the Government is asking of its selected tenants. The balance of the rent is charged up to American taxpayers, a great majority of whom can afford nowhere near such free accommodations for themselves." (78)

In absentia, Rex Tugwell attributed this resentment to a business community to whom "it has been a painful surprise to see the government suddenly organizing the sheep; all good governments before have been on the side of the wolves." (79) Tugwell further feared the reaction of the courts to Greenbelt, especially since the condemnation of Jersey Homesteads, where a closed community had been established without homestead features, and carried out all agricultural operations collectively.

For the moment, however, the first resettlers of Greenbelt demonstrated little anxiety for ideology or court legislation. "Mrs. John Graham bubbled with enthusiasm at the close of her first week in Greenbelt. 'My biggest worry is gone. The children don't have to cross busy streets to go to school and they can be out all day without my worrying about Billy on his bike in traffic, and Merle trying to run in a space as big as a nickel.'" (81)

Greenbelt thus faced its first year of existence full of promise, and with a motto borrowed from Rex Tugwell. "Every man's knowledge may be enriched through the goodness of his neighbor by sharing experience, education and community ideals." (84)

(68) Time Magazine, "Greenbelt", September 13, 1937 p.g. 10.

(72) Literary Digest, "First Resettlers", November 6, 1937, pp 13-15.

(75) "Greenbelt", op. cit., pg. 10.

(76) "First Resettlers", op. cit., pp. 13-15.

(77) "Greenbelt", op. cit., pg. 10.

(78) Life Magazine, "American Housing: A Failure, A Problem, A Potential Boon and Boom", November 15, 1937, pp. 45-50.

(79) Current History, "Cooperation and Resettlement", February 1937, pp. 71-76.

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## Gullett, Kelly Exchange Views on New Charter

by Joseph Mulvihill

Despite what has been written to the contrary, the areas of agreement between Prince George county executive William Gullett and council chairman Winfield Kelly outweigh their differences.

This is what both men told an audience of about 75 people, which included many local and county officials, at the Springhill Lake Community House last Wednesday, October 27.

The first appearance of the two county officials on the same program since charter was enacted a year ago was sponsored by the Springhill Lake Democratic Club.

The Republican executive and the Democratic council chairman told the gathering that:

... Charter has been a success, and, despite some problems and friction between the executive and council, it has provided Prince George county with the most efficient, innovative government in its history.

... they both support the need for a smaller county council. Gullett and Kelly say that a more ideal council would be seven members but that some compromise between that number and the present 11 members would have to be reached.

... the recent allegations by councilman Ronald Reeder on county school budget discrepancies were premature. Gullett said

these unproven facts were being used as a political football. Kelly emphasized that while Reeder speaks for himself, a close scrutiny of the school budget will be necessary.

In their brief talks on "Charter-What Do You Think of it Now?" - both Gullett and Kelly praised the document and the present county government.

"I think its great," said Gullett. "Historically, charter completely reorganizes the county government in providing a strong executive and a strong legislature. It establishes separation of power and checks and balances. In the beginning it is causing friction between the branches of government, but it will work itself out. Once we find the way, we will enjoy the fruits of good government for many years to come."

Gullett pointed out that in organizing the executive arm of the county, all line officers including the chief administrator and the 14 department heads have been selected on a purely professional non-partisan basis.

Kelly pointed out the work that has been accomplished by council in the nine months since Charter.

"This is the hardest working council ever," said Kelly.

Among the work achievements he cited were establishment of a Veterans Affairs Office; consideration of 85 zoning resolutions which resulted in downzoning 52; passage of 39 ordinances and consideration of 43, including anti-phosphate and anti-littering ordinances; estab-

lishment of the office of zoning hearing examiner who will sit daily to clear zoning cases.

Although there have been differences, Kelly praised executive Gullett for instituting many fine administrative practices in the county.

A question and answer period followed the talks. The most significant answers given by the two officials were:

... Kelly said that significant savings have been realized by the council this past year, especially in the area of reducing the school budget.

... Councilman Kelly deferred to county councilman Francis White of Greenbelt when queried about the progress of the landlord-Tenant Rights Bill. White said that he feels that some features of the bill need more study, especially those of the one man commission and councilmanic regulation of the price of rentals.

... Gullett said that he felt, and he cited the charter, that there was no conflict of interest in that two of his staff personnel also serve on the Republican State Central Committee.

The meeting was hosted by Springhill Lake Democratic Club President William Frankle. Officials in the audience, besides councilman White, included Greenbelt Mayor Richard Pilski, New Carrollton mayor Jordan L. Harding, Greenbelt councilwoman Betty Maffay, and councilman Gil Weidenfeld.

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A resolution lifting a Council requested temporary ban on warehouse building permits was approved by the Prince George's County Council, Oct. 5.

The permit moratorium was requested last August pending action on proposed legislation to require a special zoning exception to build warehouses in industrial zones.

The suspension order was issued to the county Department of Licenses and Permits by County Executive William W. Gullett on August 18.

The resolution also urges the County Executive to hire a consultant to study the economic impact of warehousing in the county. A bill introduced by White to create a special zone for warehouses also is pending before the council.

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**Open Gym**  
Beginning Sunday, November 7, 1 - 6 p.m., the Greenbelt Recreation Department will initiate an Open Gym Program at Greenbelt Junior High School. This program is free of charge.

**Kava**  
This Saturday night, November 6, Kava will present a charity dance featuring the fabulous sounds of "Last Exit." Proceeds will go to the Maryland-Recreation and Parks Society's Scholarship Fund for the University of Maryland. The dance will be held from 8 - 11 p.m. for all senior high teens. There will be an admission charge and dress is casual.

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Spearheading the Parkdale Senior High School band's "On to Vienna" drive are the newly-elected officers of the Association led by Durrell D. Moore as President. The Association also named Dr. Leo Walder, vice President; Mrs. Sanford Cornett, secretary; and Donald Genson treasurer. Mrs. Ruth Dee will continue to serve as fund-raising chairman.

## P. G. Symphony Orchestra First Concert Nov. 7

The Prince George's Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Emerson Head will open its 1971-72 concert season at Benjamin Tasker Junior High School, 4901 Collington Road, Bowie on Sunday, November 7, at 4 p.m., with performance by two guest artists, Charlotte Woolf and Elizabeth White, both of Bowie.

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Charlie Brown may have his "Great Pumpkin," but we in Greenbelt have our "Green Pumpkin."

Ruth Amberg, 6-E Hillside, was one of four University of Maryland seniors nominated for the Danforth graduate fellowship selection a Spanish-Portuguese major, was chosen on the basis of her grade point average and a personal statement by a member of the Danforth graduate fellowship selection committee. The fellowships are made available for seniors interested in graduate work in college teaching.

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**Greenbriar Sewers from p 1** and would be abandoned when the Western Branch Waste Treatment plant is expanded by 1973. The County's Ten-Year Sewer Plan provides for the Greenbriar hook-up with the Western Branch basin when the State moratorium is lifted.

The fear was expressed at Monday's council meeting that the expansion date may be delayed, resulting in the temporary plant being overburdened as additional units are added to the Greenbriar project. The application request covers all the units in the Greenbriar development and 763 units in Glen Ora.

**Originally Disapproved**

When Kay first broached the subject of a package treatment plant last March, county executive Gullett turned down the request because he preferred that residential developments be served by public sewage plants. Gullett further held that the request did not conform with the county's 10-year water and sewer plan.

Since then, according to Kay, the picture has changed. The 10-year plan calling for sewage lines to serve Greenbriar has been adopted. Moreover, he said, the county looked favorably on the use of a package plant for Landover Mall, where there was also an intermittent stream.

The county justified this action on the grounds that Landover Mall was a major development with great economic advantages to the county. The temporary treatment plant at Landover Mall offers tertiary treatment, special filters and other technologically advanced devices that were required by the State.

**WSSC Position**

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission advocates consideration of temporary wastewater treatment plants where connections with the existing sewage system have been stymied by virtue of the State moratorium or where permanent solutions are still being hammered out (such as expansion of Blue Plains Treatment Plant).

Temporary plants are seen as vast improvements over septic tanks. They are also viewed with approval when the alternative of connecting with major trunk lines is economically prohibitive or where such plants are needed to prevent the cessation of developments with serious economic consequences to the county.

However, WSSC has made it clear that such plants must be established and operated without detriment to the public health and consistent with the water quality standards of the streams into which the effluent (liquid discharge) from such plants may run.

In fact, no temporary or "package" plant can be installed unless the State Dept. of Health okays the location of the point of discharge and, by permit, establishes water quality requirements. Each plant must be designed to satisfy the requirements at the point of discharge.

Prior to April 14, 1971, WSSC regulations required that temporary treatment plants be constructed and operated by the private applicant, under general public agency supervision. Revisions of that date changed this so that WSSC would maintain and operate any temporary sewage facility, with the WSSC expenses of such operation to be borne by the applicant.

The Maryland Health Department is in agreement with the basic concepts laid down by WSSC for temporary treatment plants, so long as they meet all the conditions of the Department and the Department of Water Resources. The Health Department has especially approved the WSSC ruling of April 14, 1971, feeling that operation and maintenance of any temporary facility by a public agency with its specialists is practically mandatory.

**Questions Raised**

In the past, private ownership and maintenance has too frequently produced problems, according to State health officials. It appeared that once a developer got approval, his interest in the operation lessened. With the WSSC operating the plants, there will be assurances that the plants will not

be overloaded and in working condition at all times it is felt.

Other questions have been raised regarding package plants. One concerns odors. WSSC officials say that if everything is working right, the odors should not present a problem. However, some experts say that odors cannot be eliminated entirely, but standards can be set so that the stream water quality is not degraded.

Another question concerns what happens in the event of power failure. A WSSC official said that his agency requires standby power or dual feed where the power is coming from two separate sources. If one generator goes out, then power is received from another station. At the Damascus plant, a holding pond was built next to the treatment plant, which has a holding capacity of four hours.

Needing answers also are: Would there be adequate buffering against the apartment buildings? Will the plant be using up needed green space?

**Basketball Competition**

The Greenbelt Recreation Dept. is accepting entries in its B League Basketball Program. The competition is not "AA" or "A" caliber, but offers good competition and exercise. This league is open only to the first 12 teams that apply with registration ending November 19. Call Steve Davis at 474-6878 to register. Play begins November 28, at the Youth Center.

**Golden Age Club**

Seventy members of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club enjoyed a pleasant day's trip recently to the northern border of our state, with a morning visit and tour at the Mother Seton Shrine at Emmitsburg, and after enjoying a delicious luncheon nearby, went on to the Gettysburg, Pa., battlefields and National Cemetery.

The weather was ideal and the rolling hills of Maryland had already started to take on their fall colors. Charles McDonald and Kay Basinger served as co-chairmen.



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**CITY NOTES**

Not leaves and dirt, but old newspapers and paper, form the major obstructions in storm sewers and catch basins around the city, reports the Dept. of Public Works. Paper wrappers from big city dailies seem to constitute the bulk of the litter, though other forms of paper litter are also present. Cleaning out blocked storm sewers after heavy rains is a significant part of labor costs to the city.

Following completion by a contractor of sidewalk replacement throughout the city, the city crew backfilled, graded and seeded the surrounding lawn areas. They also spent one day patching eroded curbs and gutters on Lakeside Drive.

Dirt from an excavation for a new stable in Rock Creek Park is being trucked in to Greenbelt by the building contractor and dumped at the former city landfill site. There it is being spread by the hauler belonging to the city to form a more adequate cover for the landfill, in compliance with State guidelines. Eventually the area will be seeded to prevent erosion and stabilize the soil. The new stable in Rock Creek Park is being constructed to replace the former stable, which was torn down for construction of the Metro system.

The men in forest green seen these days in the parks and byways of Greenbelt, are not followers of Robin Hood, but employees of the Public Works Dept. Their uniforms, authorized by the previous council, were delivered this week.

A member of the general crew, Hubert Michaels, was injured recently when he broke his wrist in climbing down from a truck.

A city truck, on a trip to Baltimore to purchase spare parts for city vehicles, also unloaded about seven tons of broken glass at a recycling plant. The city was paid \$52 for the glass, which had been donated by local citizens.

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

Mrs. Peg Baldwin was awarded a special plaque for distinguished service by the Greenbelt Democratic club at the regular October meeting.

Nominations for officer in the club are still in order prior to the November election meeting.

**COSTUME WINNERS**

The scariest, funniest, prettiest, and most original costume were judged at the Youth Center Sunday, October 31. The following are the winners: Pre-school: prettiest, Deana Heigle; funniest, Michelle Pettit; scariest, Chad Menge; most original, Monique Benson. 1st and 2nd Grades: prettiest, Theresa Alfaro; funniest, Lucille Hammond; scariest, Bret Menge; most original, Muriel Pechette. 3rd and 4th Grades: prettiest, Julie Fimiane; funniest, Karen Johnson; scariest, Scott Bequette; most original, Ilana Stern. 5th and 6th Grades: prettiest, Cari Kellum; funniest, Carol and Chris Burgess; scariest, Kevin Fendley; most original, Chris Thompkins.

**G'belt Band Holds Dance**

The Greenbelt Concert Band will hold its annual fund-raising "Autumn Dance" on Saturday, November 6, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The dance will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion Hall, Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Ticket information may be obtained by calling 894-0889 or 345-1584.

Continuous music will be provided by the "big band" sound of the Starliners of Bowie, Md., featuring Larry Skinner on Trumpet and the Capital City Jazz Band.

**Deposit on Throw-Aways**

First District Democratic Councilman Francis W. White has introduced a bill before the Prince Georges County Council designed to fight the problem of throw-away beverage containers "on a county-wide scope."

The bill, proposed at the Council's September 22 session, would impose "a required deposit of at least five cents" on each soft drink or malt beverage non-returnable container sold at the retail level. The legislation would make the sale or attempt of sale of such containers without deposits within the county illegal and provide for a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days for those found guilty of violation. The deposit would be returned when consumers bring the cans and bottles back to the retailer. The refuse collected then would be recycled for future use.

White noted that the city of Bowie had passed a law banning the throw-aways, but that any such legislation "will be truly effective only when it is enacted at the county, state and federal level."

He told his fellow councilmen that he purposely limited the scope of his bill to include what he termed "luxury" items.

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