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PGC Council Speeds Up Usual Zoning Procedure

The Prince Georges county council action of October 10 in approving an emergency zoning change to permit private recreational development on public parkland has caused concern ranging from the State House to the Greenbelt city council. The action was taken by the county council in order to permit the multimillion-dollar Largo sports arena, together with a restaurant, hotel, and theater, to be located on 75 acres sold to the county park system by the State.

Governor Marvin Mandel told the press last week that he was "disturbed" that the sports arena being built with private funds by Abe Pollin as the home for his basketball team and hockey franchise was going up on land that the State thought the county needed for free recreation and as open space in an increasingly urban area.

The land was part of a parcel purchased earlier by the State Roads Commission when the agency was acquiring rights-of-way for the Beltway. Once the highway was completed, the 75 acres was declared surplus and sold to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as part of its program to retain open spaces. MNCPPC is leasing the land to Pollin who commenced construction last week on 50 acres.

The county ordinance, which has been signed by county executive William Gullett, authorizes under rural-residential zoning privately-owned buildings or facilities operated for commercial recreational purposes on land leased from a public agency.

City Concerned

The Greenbelt city council also expressed concern at its October 10 council meeting that the emergency action of county council might serve as a precedent and open up the rest of county parkland to profit-making ventures. The council referred the ordinance to its advisory boards, APB and PRAB, and to its city solicitor for study.

The county council, all of whose members except Ronald Reeder supported the measure, said that the ordinance was needed to clear up any legal questions involving the Largo arena. The intent of the bill, supporters said, was not to open the door to "crass commercialism", but merely "to expedite the time for the erection of the sports arena."

Several Prince Georges residents, including Greenbelt city councilwoman Rhea Cohen, have filed suit in circuit court challenging the right of MNCPPC to lease the Largo site for commercial use.

County council spokesmen have pointed out that commercial recreational enterprises such as golf pro shops, miniature railroads, and stables are already in operation in parks owned by MNCPPC.

GHI Budget Work Sessions

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors received the manager's budget recommendations for 1973 at a work session held last Tuesday.

Covered during this first work session were five areas of the budget, mainly those items which are usually termed uncontrollable such as the GHI mortgage payments real estate taxes, and public utility payments.

The next board work session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 at which time the subjects of reserves, working capital, and administration costs will be covered.

WHAT GOES ON

Saturday, Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m. Tricia Nixon Cox dedicates parkland at Greenbelt Lake.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Greenbelt Homemakers' Creative Arts Wkshp., Greenbelt Library.

7:30-9:45 p.m. College Night, Parkdale High School.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Mtg., Hamilton Pl.

Leaf Vacuum Resumes

Starting October 24 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 other debris.

Branches and sticks will be collected and chipped by City crews on a regular basis. Residents wishing to have these picked up should call 474-8000 for a special pickup.

Forum on Population, Pollution and Politics

Is growth and development important enough to the future of Prince Georges County to sacrifice our green space, water, and air for highways and commercial and industrial development? How much population growth can the County and nation stand? And what does the President's Commission on Population Growth and the American Future have to say?

These are just a few of the critical questions to be examined in a public forum, "Population, Pollution and Politics," on Wednesday, October 25, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Prince Georges County Health Department in Cheverly.

Dr. Phillips Foster, professor of resource economics at the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture, will introduce several key issues facing the county and the nation in the immediate and long range future.

Participants will break into small discussion groups. The program is a cooperative venture sponsored by the Environmental Health Subcommittee of the Prince Georges Environment Coalition.

PATRICIA NIXON HERE FOR PARK DEDICATION

President Nixon has asked his daughter, Patricia Nixon Cox, to represent him at a Legacy of Parks dedication ceremony at Greenbelt in Maryland, Saturday October 21.

The outdoor dedication is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake Park on Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Center School.

On behalf of her father, Mrs. Cox will present four separate parcels of surplus Federal land for park and recreation use to Maryland jurisdictions, including one 14-acre parcel to the city of Greenbelt. The city plans to use this land, which is located in the northeast part of the city adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, for a woodland park with a trail for hikers and bikers. Picnic facilities are also to be developed on this tract.

Other Maryland jurisdictions to receive property are Charles County, St. Mary's County, and the town of Perryville.

Darrell M. Trent, executive director of the Property Review Board, will serve as master of ceremonies.

P.G. Symphony Ball

The Prince Georges Symphonic Association and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announce the second Annual Symphony Ball to be held at the Landover Mall, Sat. October 28.

The Ball, which is held for the benefit of the Prince Georges Symphony Orchestra will start at 10 p.m. and end at 2 a.m. Admission price includes setups (BYOL) and breakfast. Dress is optional.

Music for this event will be furnished by the Starliners from Bowie.

For information concerning reservations and the purchase of tickets, please call 277-2200 ext. 322.

Holiday Trash Collection

There will be no city refuse collection on Monday, October 23, the Veteran's Day holiday. For the remainder of the week trash collection will be on a regular schedule. Normal collections will be made the following week. Special trash for the holiday week will be collected Tuesday through Friday.

PARKLAND PURCHASES AND SWIM POOL POSSIBILITIES SURVEYED

by Elaine Skolnik

With the potentially controversial subject of the use of an air curtain destructor for Greenbriar defused by postponement (see accompanying article), the October 10 city council meeting turned out to be all peaches and cream. Council discussed the need for additional city acquisition of parkland, the possibility of county construction of swimming pools, and the problems of vandalism.

City manager James K. Giese gave his reaction to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation that the city council take steps to acquire all of parcel 15 that remains undeveloped. Parcel 15, the land south of Greenbelt Lake adjacent to the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Road, consists of two parts, he said.

Giese felt that the first part - a ten-acre parcel beside the American Legion Home, owned by Consolidated Syndicates - would not have sufficient usefulness from a park and recreation standpoint to warrant the high cost of purchase.

On the other hand, Giese felt that the second tract - 19 acres owned by Reiner, Lerner, and Ammerman, trustees - would be worthwhile for park and recreational purposes because it would provide added woodland adjacent to Greenbelt Lake and because it would provide areas suitable for development as athletic fields.

Giese noted, however, that the city does not appear to have the funds required for such a purchase at this time, unless it diverts funds from some other program budgeted in the 1969 Capital Improvements bond issue program.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld suggested that perhaps the city should take another look at the priorities it had developed for the acquisition

of parkland. Council then decided to refer the matter to PRAB with a request for updating the land acquisition priority plan.

Swimming Pools

The report of the consultants to the city task force on swimming pools triggered off a spirited discussion. Richard Stevenson, representing the task force, explained that the funds for swimming pools were to be provided by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Since Greenbelt was not part of the park district and did not pay a park tax to MNCPPC, it could not expect to be included for consideration of a pool facility.

At one time it was thought that the swimming pool program would be partly funded from State general revenues, in which case Greenbelt would have an equal chance for participation. But the State rejected the use of such funds for county swimming pools as a low priority item. Stevenson said that Greenbelt could ask the State legislature to place Greenbelt in the park district, but city council was not receptive to that idea.

Instead council, following the recommendation of PRAB in its Report 10-72, decided to take another tack by asking the task force to seriously consider the use of schools for pool facilities. It unanimously passed a resolution directing the city manager to arrange a meeting with the county school board and MNCPPC to discuss the availability of the new Franklin D. Roosevelt senior high school for an indoor pool.

Vandalism

Council was concerned over reports of vandalism at public buildings and religious institutions in the city, and asked the Community Relations Advisory Board to determine the dimensions of the problem and to make recommendations for preventing such vandalism after consulting with the organizations affected and with the police department. In the meantime, council wanted the police to patrol certain hard-hit areas more closely.

Some differences of viewpoint were expressed as to whether the organizations themselves should set up "watchdog" committees to apprehend culprits. A fear was expressed that confrontations might develop which could have unfortunate consequences. An intermediate approach was suggested whereby such "watchdog" committees would be limited to informing police of any suspicious activities.

Brown's Complaints

The council read a letter from developer Sidney Brown in which he took exception, among other things, to the new 10 percent admissions and amusement tax levied by city council. Brown thought the action was discriminatory against his shopping center. Giese explained that the city tax is the same as the county amusement tax which applies to all nonincorporated areas in the county. The Beltway Plaza theatre and a new pinball machine store are affected by the tax.

The rest of Brown's letter followed the usual theme that the shopping center was paying more taxes than anybody else and receiving fewer services. He further blamed the city for being instrumental in getting the authorities after him on correcting Klein's slope and for forcing him to dedicate Gentry Drive through the center of Beltway Plaza, thus depriving him of a site for another department store.

Other Matters

Council acted to improve the rest room facilities at the Lake Park, after receiving a PRAB recommendation to that effect. It approved the use of a chemical facility using a flushing operation.

Council decided to set up a citizen committee which would consider appropriate measures for observing the 200th Anniversary of See CITY COUNCIL, p. 2, c. 3



Mayor Richard R. Pilski presents plaques to Joseph D. Comptoni (left), manager of Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, and Benjamin Rosenzweig, president, commemorating International Credit Union Day and declaring October 19 as Credit Union Day in Greenbelt.

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Community Church News

The Rev. Robert L. Field is giving a series of illustrated sermons on the celebration of life through religion and art at the 11 a.m. Sunday services. Everyone is welcome. Mr. Field has office hours at the church Mondays through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon (474-6171).

The Youth Fellowship, open to all Greenbelt youth of high school age, meets on Tuesday evenings in the social hall, under the guidance of Rena and Ken Voigt.

The Church World Service truck will stop at Community Church for pick-up at the end of the month. Persons wishing to contribute clean used clothing may leave it at the church (lower level) before October 30. The evening sewing group, that meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Kramer, is contributing ten quilts.

Mrs. Kenneth Buker is the new president of the women's afternoon guild which meets in the church social hall on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with a business session.

A farewell reception for Jim and Peggy Beck, who moved to Florida last week, was held on the church lawn. Homemade refreshments were enjoyed and the Becks were presented with a gift and cards signed by many friends. A beautiful azalea plant was donated to the church to be planted as a tribute to the Becks.

Constructive Suggestions

To the Editor

Mr. Leo Gerton, who seems to be Chairman or spokesman for an organization known as Greenbelt Citizens for a Balanced Recreation Program, notes in his letter in last week's News Review that there is a message for City Council... "to provide a recreation program to meet all the needs of all the citizens of our community and one realistically within our means". The City Council is endeavoring to meet this objective by appointing citizens to various Boards or Committees and by holding public meetings to gain a wide range of views before making decisions.

Accordingly, The Greenbelt Citizens for a Balanced Recreation Program should, if the organization has constructive suggestions, offer them to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Advisory Planning Board or to the City Council.

Criticizing proposed or actual programs, but not taking any responsibility for suggesting workable alternatives when decisions are being formulated, regrettably seems to be the operating style of many Greenbelt organizations today.

Stephen Polaschik

Lest We Forget

In 1945 President Truman presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to PFC Jacklyn H. Lucas for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" on Iwo Jima, Feb. 20, 1945. He was quick to act when the group he was with was endangered by two enemy grenades. He fell on the grenades to absorb the explosion in his own body, thus shielding his comrades from injury. Lucas now resides at 238 Lastner Lane.

Sam Levenson to Perform

Humorist Sam Levenson will perform October 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the Takoma Academy Auditorium, Takoma Park. The evening of laughter will include humor for all age groups. It is produced by Takoma Programs, Inc., and is sponsored as a cultural event of Columbia Union College and Takoma Academy. Ticket information is available at 270-9200, Ext. 266.

Balanced Rec. Program

To the Editor:

A balanced recreation program should be supported by all Greenbelt citizens and in this regard the Greenbelt Citizens for a Balanced Recreation Program Committee (GCBRPC) should be commended for taking the initiative in this matter. The issue, however, should not be dumped on City Council's lap without some effort by Greenbelt's citizens, acting individually or through some concerned organization, to formulate needs and proposals. The GCBRPC should continue its efforts and present its ideas and program proposals to the City Council and citizenry for hearing. I would urge proponents of the indoor pool-Aqua Spa to support sound, feasible and economical proposals developed by the GCBRPC.

Nino C. Moretti
Chairman, Friends of the Aqua Spa Committee

Yoga & Relaxation

A class on Yoga and Relaxation will be given by Dr. Sambhu N. Banik every Sunday, starting Nov. 5, from 7-8 p.m. or 8-9 p.m. at the Community House, Springhill Lake. A fee will be charged.

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the Nation's Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1976. At the same time, it thought the committee could consider preparing a history of the early days of Greenbelt. Names suggested for the committee included Dorothy Sucher and Al Herling. A kick-off meeting was suggested for Tuesday, November 14.

Council voted to oppose the county hearing examiner's decision in the case of a Charlestowne North physician who desired a waiver of parking requirements for his medical office. The hearing examiner recommended that an additional 13 to 15 spaces be provided. Noting that this action would reduce even more the inadequate green space that now exists for the apartment building, the council recommended that the special exception waiver be granted. Council felt that there were adequate parking spaces during the daytime hours that the office would be open.

Council approved the purchase and erection of six signs at city entrances reading "This is a Court Parent Town." The cost will be \$60. Over 100 court parents in Greenbelt have signs in windows to alert youngsters that they may call on these homes if they are sick, hurt, or need help in any way.

The council reappointed to the APE John Bogumill, Paul Galliker, and Eileen Turner.

Council approved making a small part of the former sanitary landfill for the establishment of a compost pile. The Greenbelt Environmental Action Committee had made the request and said that it would collect grass clippings left out by the curb each Sunday.

Recreation Review

The Greenbelt Recreation Department in cooperation with the Springhill Lake Community House have scheduled five KAVA dances for the Greenbelt and Springhill Lake teens at the Springhill Lake Center. The first of these will be held Saturday, October 21, from 8-11 p.m. featuring "Zachariah". Dress is casual; a nominal fee will be charged.

YOUTH CENTER SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY

The Youth Center will be open during the public school recess, October 19, 20 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gym will be open on Friday and Monday for roller skating as follows: 9-10:30 a.m., 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders; 10:30-12 noon, 4th 5th and 6th graders. Regular drop-in activities are available including table tennis, bumper pool, chess and gym games.

RIDGE ROAD CENTER PROGRAM

Ridge Road Center is open weekdays, after school, for drop in activities including Story Time on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Model Building on Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays table and group games for all ages. Everything is free, come on over and join us.

BOYS' AND GIRLS CLUB UNIFORM TURN-IN

The Recreation Department will be accepting uniforms next week, Monday through Friday 7-10 p.m., from Boy's and Girl's Club participants who have not turned in their basketball, baseball and softball uniforms. Persons will be billed for uniforms that are outstanding, after inventory for reissue, and will be ineligible to receive a uniform until restitution has been made. Please check your closets and dressers.

PARKDALE HOLDS COLLEGE NIGHT

Parkdale High School's third annual College Night will be held Wednesday, October 25, from 7:30-9:45 p.m. at the school, 6001 Good Luck Road in Riverdale.

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WHEREAS, the observance of Veterans Day has now been set by the United States Congress for observance on the fourth Monday in October, and
WHEREAS, on this 23rd day of October, 1972 the Nation will again observe Veterans Day and Americans everywhere will pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country, and to those who have served our Nation in past and current conflicts, and to honor those who are still wearing the uniform of our country, and
WHEREAS, many Greenbelt citizens have laid down their lives, many have performed their duty and have returned home, and many are still on active duty in far-off places, now therefore,
I, Richard R. Pilski, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the citizens and Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, do hereby issue this proclamation in observance of this 23rd day of October, 1972,
VETERAN'S DAY
a day of hope and prayer for peace and a day of remembrance in honor of those veterans whose sacrifices have preserved for us the heritage of freedom we are privileged to enjoy, and a day on which to express our gratitude to all those men and women who have served and are still serving our country according to the dictates of their conscience.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 17th day of October, 1972.
RICHARD R. PILSKI, Mayor
City of Greenbelt, Maryland
ATTEST:
Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060
Alan Haga and Bob Pasternak started the 1972-73 Greenbelt Bridge Club series with a convincing victory at last Friday's duplicate bridge session. Their margin of victory over runners-up Seymour and Ruth Levine was more than 10 points. Third place went to newcomers Madeline and Ben Green. Next game: Friday, October 27.

Happy-birthday to Margaret Williamson, 45-H Ridge, who celebrated her fifth birthday at a big party last Sunday.

It's a girl for former Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Spevak. Marni made her debut on Oct. 4, and she joins a brother Marc Jeffrey and a sister Pegi Ruth. The Spevaks reside in Laurel.

Dr. John Churchill received a "Meritorious Service" Award for his service on the Prince Georges County Recreation Advisory Board. Churchill resigned in August after having been appointed to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Parkdale senior Angelina Flood has been selected the outstanding girl to be honored by the Optimist Club of Hyattsville. A panel of 15 faculty members selected Angel on the basis of scholarship, citizenship, and community service. Angel, a resident of Greenbelt, is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the director of the Parkdale News Service. In addition, she is advertising manager of the student newspaper, COLLAGE, a member of the Parkdale Broadcasting Club, and participates in numerous drama productions. For the third year she is serving as class treasurer and she also works as a student assistant in the Girls' Physical Education office.

Greenbelter Marc Smith has been appointed student Provost at Prince Georges Community College. This is an ombudsman position in that he acts as a liaison between the students and the college staff. The job is unique in Washington metropolitan area colleges.

Happy birthday to Kenny Baker, 5-K Laurel Hill, who was five years old on Oct. 19.

Congratulations to the following Greenbelt students who received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Hattie Anderson, Diane Carriere, Stephen Deakins, Richard Jones, Ruth Kastner, Patricia McSwain and John Miner. Special kudos to George Jones who was a semi-finalist. All students attend Parkdale Senior High.

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HOMEMAKERS WORKSHOP
The Greenbelt Extension Homemakers will be making beaded angels at their Creative Arts Workshop, Wednesday, October 25, at the Greenbelt Library. Any Greenbelt woman is invited to attend. Call Sandra Barnes, 474-5310, for further information.

Prior to the regular workshop, a film entitled "The Little Ones" will be shown at 7 p.m. The film, narrated by Loretta Young, depicts the plight of orphaned children in Pakistan and China. The public is welcome.

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GHI Board Reassigns Trim Paint Job To New Contractor, Okays By-law Study

by Barbara Likowski and Roberta McNamara

The paint trim program was again cause for discussion at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting last Thursday night when it was added to the agenda by manager Royal Breashears. He informed the members that although Director of Engineering David Kane had been urging the successful bidder to get busy, the latter had not yet started the program. Finally Kane learned that the contractor did not have the staff for the job. Breashears then polled the board members by phone to obtain permission to assign the job to the second lowest responsible bidder, Johnson and Co., who had the necessary staff and have now started the job.

Director Nat Shinderman made a motion to accept the second lowest realistic bidder, as had been decided by the telephone poll. This was clarified by Director Tom White to state that the paint job would not exceed the amount budgeted for the frame home trim painting, \$14,513. Motion carried.

By-Laws

Director Tony Lynch, as chairman of the member relations committee, requested that the board consider appointing an ad-hoc by-laws committee to begin deliberations on wording of the by-laws changes which might be needed, particularly in implementing certain changes recommended by the CMP management audit.

Director Dave Lange felt by-laws should be initiated by the board. Lynch disagreed since by-laws are "up to" the membership — theirs being the ultimate approval or disapproval. Lange reminded the group, however, that a by-law committee is a board advisory committee and should get "direction" from the board. Shinderman agreed with Lange that the committee should get board direction but felt that a committee should be formed on a standby basis. He then moved that the president, with the concurrence of the board, appoint a by-law committee on a standby basis. The motion passed.

New Trash Schedule

Lynch brought up the subject that the city plans to revamp the trash schedule — middle of the week pickup for paper only, and asked if GHI members, for esthetic reasons, could keep papers in receptacles at individual homes, rather than at court entrances. Breashears felt that he could approach city manager James Giese if the board okayed the proposal, but did not know how the proposal would affect city costs. Lange explained that the purpose of the city's decision is to save money by not using heavy trucks to go back and forth to the landfill and also to offset the cost of paper pickup by selling the paper. The motion to ask the city to pick up paper from the same point as garbage passed.

Composition of the committee to study problems of the sales department was brought up by Lynch. The management reconnaissance by CMP had criticized the sales department, he pointed out, since it is managed informally without ben-

efit of continued planning. Credit standards for prospects "are also not well defined," according to the CMP report, and do not include analysis of members' ability to meet potential increases in monthly charges. Lynch felt that this committee contained intelligent dedicated people but that not one of them was sales oriented. "If a committee is to scrutinize in order to help, it needs people familiar with the subject."

Also added to the agenda was the subject of the administrative fee to be charged to all realtors. Breashears reported the GHI attorney's opinion that charging an administrative fee of \$200 to outside realtors for work that the GHI sales department does in terms of paper work would not be legal since GHI has no contract with brokers, but only with members. The board then decided to reconsider the administrative fee and voted for a uniform \$100 fee at time of sale which was thought would be equitable, regardless of the seller. Chairman Jim Smith said that the new fee would apply to listings on and after Nov. 1.

Complaint

Audit Committee member Gordon Allen complained bitterly that the corporation has a communication problem. This complaint was based on his inability to receive GDC minutes and all minutes from membership meetings which he had requested over a month ago in order to educate himself and get rid of his misconceptions.

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Shinderman pointed out that since staff members are directly responsible to the manager, Allen should contact the manager when requesting information. Smith added that GHI's records are open for perusal, noting that he often came in to look at the records.

Lekh Batra mentioned that he often used office facilities on Saturday, telephoning first to make sure someone was there.

White felt that the matter should be put in proper perspective. According to the by-laws a function of an audit committee member is to report refusal of information or discourteous treatment by letter to the audit committee and the board. White added it is not a function of an audit committee member to scold.

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