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Court Dismisses Case, GHI Board Vindicated

Complete vindication of the action of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. board of directors in its deferral of increases in monthly charges for elderly and disabled members was found by Circuit Court Judge Ralph W. Powers in a written decision handed down on January 4.

The court dismissed was the last of three contained in a suit filed by Eunice Coxon, et. al. against the corporation. The suit was filed last May by Mrs. Coxon and nine other GHI members who had alleged that certain actions of GHI and seven board members were illegal and had violated the by-laws. The other two counts, involving the granting of a \$25,000 loan by GHI to Twin Pines and board conduct of a special membership meeting, were dismissed by the court earlier on August 30.

The court action last week involved the decision of the membership in December 1971 to assess each member 50 cents (later reduced to 25 cents) a month to finance a program of deferral of the 1972 increase in monthly charges for needy elderly and disabled members. During 1972 only 18 members took advantage of this plan and approximately half of the funds collected were used. In December 1972, the board voted to continue the program of deferring the 1972 increase through 1973, using the remainder of the funds collected in 1972.

The petitioners had complained that the assessment collected but not spent in 1972 — about \$2,696 — was not properly accounted for, that it should have been returned to the members, and that there was no proper authority for continuing the deferrals in 1973.

In ruling in favor of GHI, Judge Powers declared that the actions of GHI and its directors were proper and that the petitioners are entitled to no relief.

"I conclude," Judge Powers said, "that there is no merit to the petitioners' position. The surplus was accounted for in the financial report. The directors have sole authority to adopt a budget and authorize expenditures, and the deferral approved by the members was not limited to a particular year. There is no fraud involved, nor any impropriety on the part of the corporation or its directors."

Representing GHI in the case was attorney Albert Ginsberg. Attorney James Vance represented the petitioners. The signers of the petition, in addition to Mrs. Coxon, were Frances Morley, Cathy Foster, Martha Hutzler, Mary B. Welsh, Nancy Motley, William S. Hennessy, Norman B. Charles, Elliott D. Sines, and George Kris.

Parkdale PTSA

The January PTSA meeting of Parkdale High School will be held Tues., Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The newly elected members of the county board of education have been invited to give their views on the major problems and priorities in education, indicate the probable direction the new board will take, and respond to questions from the membership. This will give everyone an opportunity to meet these members who were elected from all districts. The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room.

NEWS REVIEW CARRIERS

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Greenbelt Lake Park Ice Skating Policy

Greenbelt Lake is open for ice skating when weather conditions are favorable. In order to provide a wholesome, safe activity, the city has developed certain guidelines that should be followed. During cold weather, persons interested in ascertaining the conditions of the ice at the lake should call the Greenbelt Police Department, 474-5454. It is impossible to continually test ice thickness over all areas of the lake, so skating will always be at the risk of the participant. Recommended areas of skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula. A green flag will be displayed on the Bandstand flagpole to indicate 'Skating At Your Own Risk'. The lake area around the dam and spillway should be avoided, as open water is usually found in these areas. Parents should accompany young children. Skaters should also avoid gatherings in groups on the ice.

The Recreation Department will attempt to provide assistance at the lake during week days from 4 p.m. until dark and on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to dark. No skating will be allowed on the lake after dark. No fires will be allowed at the lake except those provided by the city because of the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately.

Another Oil Spill

The city experienced another oil spill on New Year's day. The spill originated behind the Jewish Community Center on Westway Road. (The JCC was not at fault.) An individual representing a maintenance firm was pumping out an underground tank and transferring the oil to another tank. Some of the oil flowed on the ground into a storm sewer on Westway.

The oil went through the storm sewer into a small receiving stream, to the silt receiving stream and then to the silt settling basin at the bay end of the lake on Pinecrest Court.

A resident of Pinecrest Court noticed the oil and notified the police who alerted the city crew. Using burlap traps and an absorbent material on the water (which absorbs oil and not water and makes it possible to skim off the oil), the city was able to keep the oil from getting into the lake. An employee worked New Year's day and also on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

PGCC Registration Deadline

The deadline on mail registration for over 175 collegiate credit courses sponsored by the Office of Extension Centers, Prince George's Community College is Jan. 18. Catalogues are available upon request and also can be picked up in all county libraries. Students may also register in person at the Largo Campus on the following dates: Jan. 16 Novak House from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Jan. 21-23 at the Extension Centers Office, building T-15, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For further information call 336-6000 ext 418 or 336-0239.

Property Tax Assessments To Be 50% of Market Value

On December 27, Governor Marvin Mandel directed state tax officials to assess property at 50 percent of fair market value, instead of the 60 percent now used, to allow for inflation. According to Chairman Francis B. Francois of the Prince Georges county council, this is how it works:

For those persons whose property was last assessed in 1971, there's no change. The assumption here is that by now the market value of your home has increased, and that your current assessment is already at 50 percent of that new market value. For those who were reassessed in 1972, they'll have their current assessment lowered by approximately 9 percent. Finally, for those who just received a new assessment, that assessment will be lowered by 16.33 percent. An easy way to figure the new assessment is to multiply the current assessment by 0.9091, if a 1972 assessment, and by 0.83333 if a 1973 assessment. In order to assure that this equitable situation continues, the Governor is further asking for annual reassessments in the future.

According to the Greenbelt city office, few properties in Greenbelt were reassessed in 1973. To the extent however, that properties were reassessed in 1972, the Greenbelt tax base will be lowered, and the city will suffer a loss of revenue.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Jan. 10, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Fri., Jan. 11, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Rm.
Sat., Jan. 12, 1 p.m. Jaycees Meeting, Youth Center
Tues., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. Parkdale PTA Meeting
Wed., Jan. 16, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homemakers, 11 Empire

JAYCEES PRESENT FINANCIAL SURVIVAL

The Greenbelt Jaycees are presenting "Your Financial Survival in 1974" on Sat., Jan 12, 1 p.m., at the Youth Center. The five speakers will cover interest rates, taxes, insurance, commodity speculation, and investments.

DICAP Can Help

Anyone having a drug or related problem can come in or call a DICAP Center. DICAP, Drug Intervention Counseling Action Problem, is a program of the Prince Georges County Government. Each center is staffed by professional counselors and trained youth counselors. DICAP offers a comprehensive service in individual, group or family counseling; referral service; drug analysis; hot line; speakers and diagnostic evaluations. All services are strictly confidential. DICAP is located at the Ridge Road Recreation Center, 22 Ridge. Come in Mon. - Fri. from 1-9 p.m. or call 345-1414 for help.

Golden Age Club

On December 5, Golden Age Club members were the guests of the Springhill Lake Recreation Department for luncheon and entertainment. The setting was elaborate, with each guest receiving a hand-made corsage. A magician entertained and there was seasonal singing.

The annual holiday party was on Dec. 19 with a large attendance despite inclement weather. Entertainment was by Donald Rampolla. Greenbelt senior citizens age 55 and over, are cordially invited to attend meetings on Wednesdays at the Golden Age Club room in the Youth Center

COUNCIL REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

by Al Skolnik

Persisting in its view that the health and ecological risks of the on-site Greenbriar sewage treatment plant have not been minimized, the Greenbelt city council at its Monday, January 7, meeting voted to appeal the action of the Maryland Water Resources Administration (WRA) in approving a point of discharge permit. The council also voted to urge the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission not to accept the discharge permit under the conditions laid down by WRA.

Councilman Tom White charged that failure of the State to insist on nitrogen removal constitutes an "unjustifiable ecological assault" on the stream effluent. Councilman Charles Schwan was concerned that the conditions laid down by WRA were even less stringent than what

the developer said his sewage plant could meet. Councilman Richard Castaldi noted that the original guidelines laid down by the county would have limited temporary package treatment plants to areas where there were septic tank failures or to projects of substantial economic benefit to the county.

The vote on both measures was 4 to 1, as Mayor Richard Pilski flatly stated that he favored the issuance of a discharge permit and had faith in the State officials who made the ruling. Sewage plants of the type being proposed by the Greenbriar developer, he said, were the coming thing, especially as the need for clean water becomes more critical. He noted that WSSC had balked at operating the plant, not because the State conditions were too lax, but because they were too strict.

BULLETIN

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) on Wednesday approved a resolution providing for acceptance of the state permit for the construction of the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant. The resolution does not commit WSSC to operation of the plant if it is found that the operating standards and conditions set by the state cannot be met. To determine if the plant will meet these standards, sewage will be trucked in to the Greenbriar plant for a testing period before occupancy of the apartments is permitted.

Grants for Elderly Renters

Applications are available for elderly renters to apply for grants because of age and income. This new city program is similar to that of tax credits to elderly homeowners, except that it extends the benefits to renters.

To be eligible for this program a renter must be 65 years of age on or before Dec. 31 of the preceding calendar year or receiving benefits as a result of permanent or total disability under social security, railroad retirement or another government retirement or pension program; must have paid rent for a dwelling in the city during the preceding calendar year and be a resident at the time of applying; and the combined gross income of the applicant and all other persons in the household must not exceed \$5,000.

The amount of the grant will be equal to 3% of the rent paid during the previous calendar year for a dwelling in the city. The maximum grant allowable to a renter during any one year will be equal to the maximum tax credit allowed an elderly homeowner during that particular year.

Applications for this program are available from the City Finance Department. It is not required to apply in person but the deadline for applications is Feb. 15. Renters having additional questions or requesting information may call the Finance Department at 474-8000.

Valuables Taken For Trash

Recently there were two unfortunate instances when city refuse collectors mistook as trash and removed valuable items stored by two residents. In both instances the items were stored in plastic bags in the trash closet. One resident was fortunate to alert the city in time to recover the property from the landfill. However, the city was notified too late to recover the other property.

Residents are urged to take precautions to assure proper pickup. Place all refuse in standard containers. If the container is full, place trash on top of or beside it. Don't leave desired items leaning against or placed beside the container. If valuable items are kept in the trash closet, a lock should be kept on the door. Refuse collectors are not mind readers. Please help by clearly identifying trash.

DESPERATELY NEED

Someone to take News Review copy to printer in Hyattsville Wed. and Thurs. mornings. (Copy delivered to your door the night before.) Nominal pay. Call 474-4906.

Highway Program

Following the recommendations of the city's Advisory Planning Board, the council went on record once again urging acceleration of the work on the reconstruction of the Greenbelt Road-Kenilworth Ave. intersection. The project, council said, should definitely include construction of a pedestrian and bicycle overpass across Kenilworth Ave.

Council, like APB, was concerned over the extension of Kenilworth North to Route 1 as a four-lane divided highway, and asked the manager to get additional information on the environmental impact of the highway which would presumably attract more truck traffic. The same concern was felt over widening of already four-lane Kenilworth Ave. south of the Beltway.

On other highway matters, council opposed truck traffic on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and raised no objections to widening Greenbelt Road to six lanes where it is presently four lanes, but recommended that pedestrian and bicycle paths be included in the project.

On one other road matter, council opposed the State Highway Administration's proposal to have left-turn lanes constructed on Hanover Parkway for traffic coming out of the Greenbriar project. The council felt that traffic would not justify the added vehicle lanes since most cars would be turning instead of going through.

Ordinances Introduced

An ordinance was introduced providing for a reduction in the amusement tax on coin operated machines from 10 percent to 2 percent. This followed the county pattern. The city will lose about \$3,000 a year in revenue. Another ordinance introduced would extend tax credits to homeowners who were receiving a disability pension under any type of pension program provided by the government. The present law defines a disability pension as one being paid under the social security or railroad retirement programs only.

Other Matters

Charles Collins has resigned as chairman of the Advisory Planning Board. Don Volk is the new chairman. The council agreed not to charge the county rent for its use of Ridge Road Center for drug program (Roving Leader) after Federal grants for the program terminate. . . . A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 23, at Springhill Lake Community Building to discuss SHL Recreation Building plans. . . . Council endorsed a proposal by Charles Glickman for State insurance commission to look into possibility that fuel crisis might produce reduction in automobile insurance rates.

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Urges More Conversions

To the Editor:

GHI's consumption of fuel oil for the month of November was 250,029 gallons of which was 120,699 gallons of No. 2 oil - leaving a balance of 129,300 of No. 4 oil.

GHI spent \$68,562 for oil - \$38,791 for No. 2 oil and \$29,771 for No. 4 oil. And breaking the cost down further, we find that the cost of No. 4 oil is running at 21c a gallon - or approximately .11c a gallon cheaper than No. 2 oil.

If all burners had been converted to the usage of No. 4 oil we would have saved 120,699 x .11 = \$13,276 additional fuel costs during the month of November alone.

This is not to say, however, that we would have saved an additional \$13,276 heating costs - for one would have to deduct the cost of converting the remaining plants to the use of No. 4 oil.

Since many a homeowner in free standing homes has been using No. 4 oil, it is felt that the statement "These are the only boilers large enough to make economical use of No. 4 oil" given at the conclusion of the article on GHI fuel costs is without foundation.

It can be readily seen that greater savings can be accomplished by converting to the exclusive use of No. 4 oil.

Furthermore, a look at the consumption shows that we are using approximately 1,475 gallons per unit a year. Normal consumption should be around 250 to 300 gallons per unit per year.

The time is long past when we can further claim that the cost of installing PROPER controls would be too costly. We have already spent untold thousands for unnecessary oil while trying to save a few pennies in installing proper controls.

The long neglect of insulating the steam lines under the floors of the frame homes has cost us untold thousands for unnecessary oil while trying to save a few pennies in installing proper insulation.

It is time that the General Manager and the Board realize that the Membership-at-large is not necessarily objecting to the amount of money per month that is charged but is strongly objecting to the amount of money that is COMPLETELY WASTED every month by INCOMPETENT management of our affairs.

It is time we quit spending \$55,000 per month in salaries and wages and only \$5,000 per month in improving our facilities.

Ben A. Hogensen

CITY NOTES

The city staff wishes all residents a happy New Year.

Light posts for the shopping center have been received by the city and installation of the lights has begun in the Center Mall.

The parks crew has been out with the chipper chipping Christmas trees. They will continue to do this as long as necessary. Residents are asked to place such trees out at the street.

Last week the city recycled 3,900 lbs. of glass. Nineteen tons of newspaper were also recycled. The city is now receiving \$15 a ton for the paper, the largest sum it received for recycled paper.

Over the holiday season 83 lbs of aluminum was recycled. This was the largest single amount recycled since the aluminum program began in September, indicating the program is increasing.

Commends Fire Department To the Editor:

I think the citizens of Greenbelt should commend the fire departments of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and Branchville. Whether it is a real alarm or a false alarm, these men (most of whom are volunteers) respond as if their own homes were affected.

Last Wed. night, trucks and men from the above fire departments responded to a call in the University Square Apartments. At first, many residents thought a building was on fire when the number of trucks and men started arriving. I learned the next day that it was reported there had been a gas leak.

I feel better knowing that within a few minutes after an alarm has been turned in that firemen will be arriving. Every second counts when fire breaks out, when there is gas leakage or some other major problem. Even if it turns out to be a false alarm, Greenbelt residents should sleep better knowing that help will be there within a few minutes. If this is an example of how the fire departments respond to alarms, then we should be glad to live in a community like Greenbelt.

Sharon Potter

Public Media in Israel

Jacob Achimeir, Washington correspondent for Israeli radio and TV, will be the guest speaker at Mishkan Torah (Jewish Community Center) at 8 p.m. Sun., Jan. 13. His talk will deal with "Public Media in Israel" and he will describe the small but highly active press in Israel, its radio and TV.

Many newspapers appear in Israel, in several languages - including Arabic - and although their size is small (nearer to the News Review than to the Washington Post) they furnish an outlet for many columnists and writers and thus serve a central role in the communication of ideas in that country. Radio has a long tradition - with many "talk shows" - but television is a reluctant innovation, forced mainly by the establishment of TV stations in neighboring Arab countries. Achimeir will describe all these and will answer questions from the audience. The meeting begins with the customary "half-hour social," entrance is free and the public is invited.



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John S. Kenestrick

John S. Kenestrick, age 66, of 5820 43rd Terrace North, St. Petersburg, Florida, died Sat., Dec. 29, 1973. Mr. Kenestrick had been Chief Accountant for the U.S. Government and the City of Greenbelt. He and his family lived in the 1 Court of Crescent Road. He was a member of Birmingham Lodge, Beltsville and charter member and past commander of American Legion Post 136.

Mr. Kenestrick is survived by his wife Alsace, two daughters, Mrs. Lynne Acker of Potomac, Maryland and Mrs. Jerry House of St. Petersburg, Florida, and seven grandchildren.

Registrations Accepted for Open University - U. of Md.

Registration for Open University, the fully accredited independent study program of the University of Maryland's University College will be accepted by mail through Jan. 18. Courses are open to all high school graduates as long as class vacancies last.

Open University uses a unique learning system," according to Dr. Betty Jo Mayeske, director. "Television programs, supplementary films and tapes and home laboratory kits augment the written materials and texts designed specifically for independent study."

Those students who desire assistance have the opportunity of meeting at Open University Centers. These are located in neighborhoods throughout the Baltimore-Washington area.

The Open University was originally designed for adult part time students with schedules too busy to allow for regular classroom attendance. It is also suggested for an alternate for those wanting to cut commuting costs. (301) 454-2765.

Greenbelt CARES Speaker

On Mon., Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. Rev. Robert L. Field, Administrative Director of Greenbelt CARES will be the guest speaker of the United Methodist Women at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Rd. Rev. Field will be speaking on the services of Greenbelt CARES, a youth services bureau - dedicated to helping youth grow up well. All parents in the community are invited.

Recreation Review

Women's Basketball League

The Greenbelt Women's Basketball team opened their season on Sun., Jan. 6 with a convincing win over the Temple Hills team, 26-13. Greenbelt played a very good defensive game. High scorers for Greenbelt were Louanne Raley, 12 points; Sharon Raley, 6 points and Chris Rietter, 6 points.

'Over the Hill' Basketball

A meeting of all persons who signed up for basketball will be held on Mon., Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. At this time teams will be drawn up and games will start on Mon., Jan. 21. Other persons interested in playing may call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 p.m.

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Student Recognition Day

Sunday, January 13, 1974, 11 O'Clock Worship

Children's Sermon: "He Who Laughs Last, Laughs Best."

Sermon: "Do Something Today!"

(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00 A.M.)

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- We believe in investing the account deposits of Greenbelt residents in Greenbelt. As a result, over 90% of Twin Pines \$4,000,000.00 in assets is invested in Greenbelt. Your savings at Twin Pines will make possible the financing of the homes of your friends and neighbors.

- We believe in financing all types of housing to include co-operatively owned homes which form a significant portion of the housing in Greenbelt.

- We believe in fair and open housing for all regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
- We believe in sponsoring low and middle income housing so that the benefits of home ownership will be open to all.

- We believe in community services. We maintain evening and weekend hours as a service to our members and the community. We provide notary services free. We provide copy service at cost. We provide money order service at reduced rates. We provide a convenient drop for Greenbelt News Review copy. We provide space for local artists to display their works. We consistently support and contribute to such community wide activities as the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

- We do not believe in investing members funds in marble palace offices though we do plan to spruce up our office a bit in the near future.

Twin Pines is a member of the Maryland Savings Share Insurance Corporation. A corporation created by the State of Maryland.

In these times of financial turbulence, a program that offers insurance for your savings to \$30,000.00 and assurance of a solid and consistent return on those savings is both sensible and inviting. As a member of MSSIC we offer this:

If you have funds invested elsewhere and would like to invest them in Greenbelt, let us do all the work. We have forms available at our office or will mail them to you on request which you may sign and we will do the rest.

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Energy Saving Tips for Home

The following is the first part of the two-part final report of the Conserve and Preserve Task Force created under CR 131-1973, of the Prince Georges County Council. The Task Force was formed at the suggestion of Vice Chairman Francis W. White. The purpose of the Task Force was to explore the energy crisis in Prince Georges County and to issue recommendations to the citizens on how to conserve energy.

● **Storage of Gasoline:** Citizens are strongly urged not to store gasoline in the home. Gasoline is an extremely volatile substance and an explosion can cause severe personal and property damage. The inconvenience of running out of gasoline on a Sunday is far exceeded by the danger of explosion.

● **Siphoning Gas:** If it is necessary in an emergency situation to siphon gas, be careful not to swallow gasoline or inhale fumes. Gasoline can cause extensive internal injury to the body and the fumes can cause great damage to lungs and possibly result in pneumonia.

● **Additional Electrical Heaters:** Using temporary electrical heaters in certain rooms can reduce energy use, but beware of overloading circuits. Many older homes in the County are not equipped to handle heavy electrical loads.

● **Holiday Farewells:** Avoid long farewells at the front door. The heat loss from leaving the front door open for ten minutes on a cold night is substantial.

● **Insulate Attics:** The attic of an average home should have at least six inches of insulation. Although installation may be expensive, the process will pay for itself in terms of savings on heating bills. Also, you will be saving valuable fuel.

● **Hole in Window:** A sixteenth of an inch of space around an average window will result in the same heat loss that a four inch hole in a window pane would cause. You would never leave a hole so large so why neglect to have proper weather stripping around windows.

● **House Temperatures:** Set your room temperature at 68° during the day and 65° at night. Be sure to open drapes and let the sunshine in during the day and close them and keep the cold out at night.

● **Hot Water:** One drop per second will waste 700 gallons of hot water a year. This will waste the fuel needed to heat your water.

● **Cleaning House:** Avoid airing out the home on cold days. If you must be sure to turn off your heating system while you are cleaning.

● **Driving:** Once again "Fifty-five is Nifty." Encourage the small minority of citizens not obeying the new speed limit to do their part. If not, they are burning the fuel you may need to heat your home.

● **Shopping:** Shop with friends and avoid one purpose shopping trips. You'll save gas and your nerves.

● **Tune up:** Keep your car in tune. Tests show a tuned car gets 20% more gas mileage than one that isn't tuned. Maintain tire pressure at dealers recommended level.

● **Energy Coordinator:** Appoint someone in the family to actively conserve energy in the home.

● **Emergency Numbers:** If there is a need for fuel information at anytime, call during the day 779-3850, x358 and at night 277-7377.

Toys Can Be Fun If Used Correctly

Dr. Neil Solomon, Maryland Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Charles H. Tregoe, Chief of the Department's Division of Drug Control, Environmental Health Administration, have drawn up some safety guidelines for parents to use in helping their children to play with toys safely.

Perhaps the most important suggestion for parents is to be sure that younger children don't get older brothers' and sisters' presents. A chemistry set, for example, could bring serious injury or illness to a toddler who tries his hand at research. Or an older sister's perfume might detract from the serenity of a baby sister's stomach.

Dolls that eat or drink must also be used according to manufacturers' instructions. Prepackaged food supplied with the doll must not be eaten by children, and the dolls themselves, must be thoroughly washed out after each feeding.

Some toys have hidden dangers, such as stuffed animals and dolls with eyes or ribbons secured with wires or pins. Toys made of glass or brittle plastic can cut or prick if rough edges are exposed.

Other toys have obvious hazards: those that are small and can be swallowed, such as marbles; those that have sharp edges, like toy trucks and trains; and those that have sharp points, such as darts or arrows.

Roller skates and bikes can provide hours of good fun and healthy exercise, but careless skating and irresponsible riding can bring injury or death not only to the child, but also to the hapless automobile driver who has not outguessed the child.

Parents should, in general, be sure to teach their children not to put anything in their mouths but food, and even the food should be that which is provided by either their parents, relatives or close friends.

Electrical toys — especially those that are plugged in to house current — should always be used under an adult's supervision.

Green Spaces Protected

The Prince Georges County Council enacted a bill to insure citizens that the 11,000 acres of green space remaining in Prince Georges County won't be sites for private, profit-making enterprises. The bill would delete privately-owned recreational buildings or facilities as legal development on rural-residential land leased from a public agency.

The measure omits Abe Pollin's sports arena in Largo by labeling all such commercial ventures taken before Jan. 1, 1974 as a special exception, but it is aimed at preventing such large scale construction without a special zoning exception from happening again.

Greenbelt Recreation Department

474-6878

1974 Winter Leisure Time Activities

In-person registration, first come-first serve basis as follows: Monday, January 14, 3-5 pm; Tuesday, 15th, 7-9 pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Wednesday, January 16, 4-5:30 pm at the Springhill Lake Elementary School. Late registration on a space available basis only, Thursday, January 17, 10 am-3:30 pm at the Youth Center Business Office. Make all checks payable to the CITY OF GREENBELT. Saturday classes will begin January 19; weekday classes begin during the week of January 21. Snow makeups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule if required.

The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the department. Other refunds will be made according to provisions in City Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests be made in writing immediately for valid or legitimate reasons only.

Location code: Youth Center (YC); Ridge Road Center (RRC); Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHL RC); Center Elementary School (CS) and St. Hugh's (St.H.).

* Designates Babysitting for daytime hours only, \$2.50/per child for entire course.

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE
				(Non-Res. add 25%)
Arts & Crafts	YC	Mon 4:30-5:30p	1-2 grades	FREE - 8 weeks
		Wed. 4:30-5:30p	3-4 grades	FREE - 8 weeks
		Fri. 4:30-5:30p	5-6 grades	FREE - 8 weeks
	SHL RC	Sat. 9-10:30a	1-6 grades	FREE - 8 weeks
Auto Mechanics	YC	Thu 7-9p	Teen/Adult	\$12/5 2-hr class.
Ballet - Pre School	YC	Sat. 9:30-10:30a	4-5 yrs	\$8/8 classes
	YC	Sat. 10:30-11:30a	4-5 yrs	\$8/8 classes
Pre School	YC	Sat. 11:30-12:30p	6 & 0	\$8/8 classes
Batik* (8 per class)	YC	Wed. 1-3p	Adult	\$10/5 2-hr classes provide own material
Boys' Model Building	RRC/SHL RC	Tue 4:30-5:30p	1-8 grades	Free-8 wks bring own model
Ceramics (Pottery)*	YC	Tue 10-12n	Adult	\$12/5 2-hr classes plus materials fee
	YC	Thu 10-12n	Adult	plus materials fee
Clay Modeling	YC	Sat 9:30-10:30a	6 & 0	\$8/8 classes
Creative Carousel	YC	Sat 11-12n	4-5 yrs	\$8/8 classes
Crocheting*	YC	Thu 1:30-3:30p	Adult	\$7/8 2-hr classes
Greenbelt Chucks/Lassies	YC/SHL RC	Sat 9-11a	6-8 yrs	Free - 8 weeks
Karate - Self Defense	RRC	Thu 7-8:30p	Teen/Adult	\$10/8 classes
	RRC	Sat 1-2:30p	8 & 0	\$10/8 classes
Macrame	YC	Mon 8-10p	Teen/Adult	\$8/5 2-hr classes plus materials fee
Metal Smithing (6 per class)	YC	*Mon 1-3p	Adult	\$12/5 2-hr classes
	YC	Tue 8-10p	Teen/Adult	plus materials
Sculpture* (Figure Portrait)	YC	Fri 9:30-11:30a	Adult	\$8/5 2-hr classes plus materials
Slimnastics for Women Beg.	RRC	Mon 7-8:30p	Teen/Adult	\$8/10 hrs - 7 wk
Slimnastics for Women Adv.	RRC	Mon 8:30-10p	Adult	
Slimnastics for Women *Beg.	YC	TU/Th 1:30-2:30p	Adult	
Square Dance Lessons, Beg.	YC	Wed 8-10p	Teen/Adult	\$24/cple-15 wks
Trial basis, 1st night free				\$12/person
Storytime - reading, games quiet play	YC	Tue 4:30-5:30p	Pre-School-3rd grade	Free - 8 wks
Tumbling	St.H	Sat 9-10a	6-8 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
		Sat 10-11a	9-10 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Volleyball	CS	Mon 8:30-10:30p	Men	Free
		Wed 8:30-10:30p	Mixed	Free
Weaving*	YC	Thu 10-12n	Adult	\$8/5 2-hr classes
Yoga	Beg. YC	Tue 7-8:30p	Teen/Adult	\$10/7 classes
	Int. YC	Tue 8:30-10p	Teen/Adult	\$10/7 classes

SPECIAL CLASS REGISTRATION

Classes below are co-sponsored with the Prince George's Community College. In person registration will be held at Parkdale Senior High School, Good Luck Road, Riverdale, Md. on Wednesday, January 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. or on the P.G. Community College Campus, January 28, 29 and 30 from 2-8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	COUNTY RES. FEE
An Evening on Energy	YC	Wed, Fri 6-7-10pm	All Ages	Free
Coffee Hour Lectures	YC	Fri, Feb 15 9:30-11:30 am	Adult	\$10/8 2-hr sessions
Estates, Trusts, Wills & Taxes	YC	Thur, Feb. 14 7-8:30 pm	Teen/Adult	\$10/8 1½ hr. sessions
Your Federal Income Taxes	YC	Tue, Feb 12 1-3p or Thu, Feb 14 8:30-10:30 pm	Teen/Adult	\$10/6 2 hr. session
Weekend for Young Married Couples	YC	Fri & Sat-Mar 15 & 16, 7:30-9:30p	Married Couples	\$5/couple

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The gasoline tank was almost empty and I had heard about the automobiles lined up at every service station where the pumps were open. Why not walk to the shopping center, I thought, congratulating myself on this experiment in healthful outdoor exercise.

Almost immediately I was hailed by a neighbor, Mrs. Alcibiades. It was months since we had seen each other, except to wave in passing, so we had a lot of news to exchange.

"Where did you spend Christmas?" Mrs. A. asked.

"We had four invitations," I told her. "From my parents in New York, from Jack's mother in Florida, from Jack's brother who operates a ski lodge in Vermont; and from my married daughter in Ohio."

"Don't tell me you tried to dash around in all those directions!" Mrs. A. asked enviously.

"No - n-no," I said slowly.

"Which did you choose?"

"Well, we decided to stay at home. In that way, you see, no one's feelings would be hurt because we went somewhere else. Besides - we didn't have much gas."

"And how did it work out?"

"Fine. Just fine. Jack and Junior sawed up the trunk of an apple tree we cut down a year ago, and we sat around the fire - priding ourselves on a thermostat turned way, way down - and roasted chestnuts and told stories and made up riddles. The kids wanted to know if we could celebrate Christmas this way every year, instead of crowding into the car and getting stalled in traffic for hours."

"Funny, isn't it," responded Mrs. A. "We did much the same thing. My mother came to live with us last year and she was telling Tiddly and Winks about how she used to decorate the Christmas tree. Popcorn balls dipped in molasses. Strings of raw cranberries. Cutouts of colored paper. They thought it sounded like great fun and wanted her to show them how to do it. The

tree looked a bit tame, but they had trimmed it themselves and thought it was wonderful."

Then we overtook Miss Evanston, surrounded by fourth-graders, as usual. "Have you driven to the city since the speed limit was lowered?" she asked. "I always try to get caught up in shopping during the Christmas vacation. Usually I come home exhausted. But not this year! Both lanes were crowded, but most cars stayed in line. I guess there was no reason for them to try to pass, as everyone was going at the same speed. So - no close shaves, and nervous tension at a minimum. I haven't enjoyed driving so much in years."

In the store we saw the Baxters, shopping together. "Why aren't you basking in the Florida sun?" I asked. "I thought you were driving down last week."

Mr Baxter laughed, somewhat embarrassed. "Afraid we would run out of gasoline," he admitted. "Actually, we found it so restful to stay at home that we'll probably do the same thing next year, gasoline shortage or not."

"Happy New Year," yodeled someone, "and may you have strong legs and good lungs when you need them." It was Charlie Chesterton, with his new wife.

"What makes you so cheerful?" I asked.

"Best New Year's eve I ever had," he replied. "We watched the old year out and the new year in, right in our own living room, with a bowl of eggnog. You know, we just moved into a new apartment house and didn't know a soul. Put a notice on the door of the apartment 'Open house - come on in and get acquainted.' And guess what - six other couples showed up. Said they were lonely and didn't know anyone. So now we all know each other."

On the way home we stopped at the Frothingham home, to see how they were doing since their daughter married and moved out west. "I don't suppose you sat up to greet the New Year," said Mrs. A.

"Oh, but we did," said Mrs. F. "And it was lovely. Our old B-W

television set did itself proud. First, Glen Gould played Beethoven on the piano for a solid hour, with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Marvelous. Then we tuned in to the Waldorf Astoria in New York. The ballroom was jammed with people

jiggling around - scarcely space to dance. And then we watched the sleet driving down in Times Square while the crowds huddled under useless umbrellas, waiting for the golden ball to drop.

"That's right," chimed in Mr. F.



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Children's Programs

Registration for Pre-School Story Programs. Tuesday - Jan. 15. Call 345-5800 to register. The programs will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. 3 year olds - Tuesdays - Jan. 22 - Feb. 26. 3 and 4 year olds - Wednesdays - Jan. 23 - Feb. 27. Children's Program Room.

Unregistered Story Program. Thursdays - 2 - 2:30 p.m. Children's Program Room. Jan. 24 - Feb. 28. Ages 3 - 5.

Slapstick Comedy Films. Mondays - 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room. Ages 8 - 12. Jan. 14 "Saps at Sea" - 1940, Laurel and Hardy Jan. 21, "Liberty" - 1929, Laurel and Hardy. Jan. 28 "The General" - 1927, Buster Keaton.

Just For Fun. Thursdays - 4:15 - 5 p.m. Children's Program Room. Jan. 17, 24, 31. Ages 6 - 9. Stories and activities.

Fireplace Safety

Many Prince Georges County residents are turning to the fireplace as a way to warm the home and save on the oil bill.

The County's Chief Building Inspector James R. Novak warns that enjoyment of the hearth could turn into tragedy unless a number of relatively simple precautions are taken. First of all, check to make sure the flue and damper are in working order, then look for loose or cracked bricks and for smoke stains on the chimney. Such stains could indicate leaking flue gases.

All floor and attic framing should be two inches from the chimney and combustible materials stored in the attic should be far from the chimney. Fire screens should fit snugly and the hearth should be clear of combustible materials.

Fireplaces can waste fuel by drawing warm air out of the house, so keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. Closing off the room in which the fireplace is burning and opening a window a little would aid in circulation and hold heat in the room.

Homemaker's Meet

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet Wed., Jan. 16, at the home of Peggy Belisle, 11 Empire Pl., at 8 p.m. The topic to be discussed is "The Consumer Today". Visitors are welcome. For more information call Sue Soule, 474-0881.

FOR SALE: 2 Hollywood beds, stroller, car seat white crib, books, clothes, roll away bed, steamer trunk, baby clothes, toys, puzzles, linens, ice cream maker, circular yard clothes dryer, purses, shoes, blankets, other miscellaneous. This Saturday, January 12, 10:30 to 1:30, 20-E Ridge (beside Ridge Road Center).

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A happy-birthday to Susie Gibson, 12-F Hillside, who was a year old on Jan. 3.

Stanley Greenspan of Greenbelt has been appointed to the Prince Georges County Social Service Board. Greenspan, a vice-president of New Wave Communications, Inc. is a member of the Citizens Concerned with Poverty in Pennsylvania and the International Advisory Commission of the Direct Relief Foundation. Until this year, he was a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Community Development Organization and is still active with Project Concern, the International Maryland Relief Organization.

Birthdays greetings to Alexander Barnes, 5-D Ridge, who celebrated his sixth birthday.

Happy birthday to two little neighbors, Ellen Rosenzweig and Elizabeth Garilli, Ellen was three and Elizabeth four, both celebrating on Jan. 7.

Michael and Shauna Boitnott announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Stephanie Noel, born Jan. 4, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz.

Non-Credit Courses Offered

Over 90 non-credit courses will be offered at 17 locations around the county beginning in Feb. by the Community Services Office of the Prince Georges Community College.

Programs will include parent education, occupational development, the creative arts, consumer education and athletics.

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Boys-Girls Club News

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The schedule for basketball games at the Youth Center Jan. 15 through 19 are: Tues. Boys 10 and under vs. Cheverly, 6 p.m. Boys 13 and under vs. East Pines, 7 p.m. Girls 15 and under vs. Beltsville, 8 p.m.

Thurs., Boys 15 and under vs. Hyattsville, M&RB, 6 p.m.; Boys 17 and under vs. Hyattsville M&RB 7 p.m.; Boys 18 and under vs. East Pines, 8 p.m.

Sat., Boys 11 and under vs. Cheverly, 11 a.m.; Boys 12 and under vs. Cheverly, 12 noon; Girls 13 and under vs. East Pines, 1 p.m.

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