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CARES, Recreation Programs Get City Budget Support

by Al Skolnik

A vigorous but moderate-sized assemblage, apparently stirred by what is now shaping up as a 20-cent increase in the city property tax rate, came out for last Monday's public hearing on the 1974-75 budget. Items attracting the most attention were the funding of Greenbelt CARES, recreation expenditures, expenditures for informational purposes, and police department expansion. The city council is expected to adopt the new budget on Tuesday, June 18.

Many questions were asked about the Greenbelt CARES program and concern was expressed that it was duplicative of State and county efforts. A critic, Ann Pisano, advised the city that she had been informed that a county program called Clearpath, now operating out of the Ridge Road Center, was able to provide counseling and help for disturbed youngsters.

Mayor Richard Pilski and other councilmen stated that their conversations with Clearpath personnel had indicated that the two efforts were not duplicative but supplementary. City manager James Giese said that the Greenbelt CARES effort involved many professional people of a much wider scope and background. According to Giese, the Clearpath program was limited in the professional resources available to it, with these resources having to be spread around the county. Greenbelt CARES, on the other hand, said councilman Gil Weidenfeld, was able to concentrate on service provided Greenbelt residents, or persons who work in or attend school in Greenbelt.

Council also noted that the \$81,232 program would be 92% funded by Federal and State funds, with the city putting up just \$6,400. Pilski expressed the consensus of council that the city should continue to take advantage of this arrangement as long as it is favorable, at least until sufficient time has passed so that the accomplishments of CARES could be evaluated. But Dorothy Galvin from the audience was skeptical that the results could ever be evaluated.

Also entered into the record was a letter from Joe Hanyok objecting to the use of city tax funds to pay for "head-shrinkers."

Recreation Budget

Joe Wilkinson, chairman of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, put in a plug for approving the manager's request in full for city contributions to volunteer recreation organizations, stating that the city gets back in service from these organizations many times over the dollar contributions. Council indicated its agreement.

Wilkinson also wanted an upgrading of the salary of the Recreation director so that "Greenbelt would be able to hold on to its competent personnel and not become a training ground for the rest of the State."

Wilkinson also pushed for a consolidated parks and recreation department so that the recreation program would have its own maintenance crew for the ball fields, and other recreation facilities. This is a perennial suggestion and Giese once again replied that he did not feel that Greenbelt had yet reached the size which warranted such an arrangement. He noted that the proposed addition of one new person to the park crew should ease the problem.

Informational Services

A city manager budget proposal to allot \$3,000 for publication of quarterly newsletters for regular distribution to residents was pretty well shot down by the combined effort of the audience and council. The audience noting that the city had done without such

newsletters in the past, was not convinced of their value, although councilman Charles Schwan evinced surprise that "the citizen's didn't want to be kept informed."

However, councilman Tom White thought that perhaps the News Review was the best vehicle for keeping the public informed, since newsletters have a tendency to be "self-glowing." In the end it was agreed that in light of an earlier decision not to expand the manager's staff, a quarterly newsletter would be too ambitious a project for this year in any event. Instead, the council seemed to be moving toward approval of a more modest sum which would permit an annual report.

Police Department

Several members of the police department stressed the need for anticipating additional personnel demands arising out of the opening of the Greenbriar development. It was observed that it takes about eight months to train a police officer and that therefore a start should be made now on hiring new personnel. The city manager had recommended no change in the size of the police force. Several councilmen indicated that budgetary restraints make it very difficult to consider any expansion this year, but recognized the validity of the arguments put forward.

Greenbriar Gets O.K. For No. 6 Oil

by Elaine Skolnik

According to John Koontz, chief of the county Division of Air Pollution Control, the Greenbriar development may legally burn #6 oil with a Zurn dust collector. At a recent city council meeting, former city councilwoman Rhea Cohen expressed concern that more pollution would be emitted by the heavier, residual #6 oil.

Originally, Greenbriar had intended to use #2 oil, which is a distillate oil. However, the burning of #6 oil with the dust collector (removes particulate matter), approximates the burning of #2 oil without the dust collector. The main difference between the two is that #6 oil emits more sulphur oxide. Koontz said that while #2 oil would be preferable, the burning of #6 with dust collector meets air pollution standards and complies with all regulations and requirements. Judi Lewis of the Air Pollution division added that it was her understanding that #2 oil would be used if it were available. The switch-over to #6 was made, she said, because of the energy crisis.

Koontz said that he was more concerned about pollution from a lead source from cars rather than sulphur oxide emissions. He pointed to (1) the increased number of cars which will be generated by the many new projects in the Greenbelt Road area near NASA, (2) the projected widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway with truck traffic; and (3) the proposed use during the 1976 Bicentennial celebration of a fringe parking area for 1,000 cars in the vicinity of Greenbelt Road and Berwyn.

City of Greenbelt Maryland

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council
Monday, June 10, 1974
8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 1974
 - Minutes of Special Meeting of June 3, 1974
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
 6. Bid Opening -
 - a. Lighting for Tennis Courts (8)
 - b. Construction of New Tennis Courts (4)
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 7. Petitions and Requests
 8. Administrative Reports
 9. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 10. Ordinance to Award the Issue of the \$60,000 General Obligation Issue for Special Taxing District Pedestrian Mall Improved by Ordinance #757 - Second Reading
 11. Ordinance to Authorize Issuance of Tax Anticipation Note - Second Reading
 12. Ordinance to Establish New Service Charges for Garbage and Trash Collections in the City of Greenbelt - Second Reading
 13. A Resolution to Transfer Funds - \$15,500 Second Reading
 14. Parking Lot at Greenbelt Lake
 15. Bike Paths Within Road Ordinance
 16. Beltway Plaza Concept Plan
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 17. Letter from J. Davis - Re: COG Citizens Advisory Committee
 18. Letter from Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee - RE: Proclamation for "Miss Greenbelt"
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

CUB PACK 1746

Cub Scout Pack #1746, Dens 1 and 2, held their monthly pack meeting at Greenbelt Lake, May 16, 7:30 p.m. Special badges were presented to some of the boys for selling ten or more tickets to the Boy Scouts EXPO. Keith Wellen received his Scientist Badge. Games and refreshments followed the meeting.

Both Dens will need leaders for the 74-75 season as well as a Webelos leader. If no one applies, it means disbanding the entire pack! For further information, contact Stella Hertel 474-9383 or Vincent Puccio 474-7604.

WHAT GOES ON

- Sat. June 8, 9 a.m. - noon, Boys and Girls Club Soccer Sign up, Youth Center
- Sun., June 9, 7 p.m., New Dimension Singers, Lake Park Bandstand
- Mon., June 10, 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.
- Tues., June 11, 8 p.m., PTA reception for principal, Center School library

Another Term for GHI President James Smith

by Sid Kastner

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors, including new board members Virginia Moryadas and James Foster, elected officers at its first regular meeting Thursday evening and immediately tackled the question of how to arrange a year's deferment of the corporation mortgage payments with Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA).

James Smith was re-elected unopposed to a third term as president. Also unopposed was Don Volk as vice-president. By a 5-3 vote, Steve Polaschik and James Foster were elected to the posts of secretary and treasurer, respectively, over Hugh O'Donnell and Joseph Comproni.

As one of its first undertakings, Smith proposed, the board should revitalize committees by returning to the committee structure that existed before the Cresap-McCormick reorganization, which he implied had not worked out well. O'Donnell thought that certain committees such as his own (Planning, Engineering and Maintenance) were operating well and should not be disrupted, but Smith said that what he proposed was a constructive expansion of committee personnel; Volk, Norman Weyel and Charles Schwan supported this step. Smith therefore asked the staff to place an ad in the News Review calling for members to serve on committees, which would be set up in accordance with individual interests.

GNMA Deferment

In accordance with the April 17 membership approval for seeking the mortgage payment deferral from GNMA - effectively a loan - in order to pay for urgently needed renovation of the heating system, three options for repayment of the money have been proposed by GNMA. The first option would be to pay the money in one lump sum ("balloon payment") at the end of the mortgage period (August 1977), while the other two both involve extending the period of the mort-

gage for one year, at effectively higher interest rates.

A fourth option was suggested in turn by GHI personnel which like the first would not involve extending the mortgage period, but would allow for repaying the lump sum along with the regular payments.

In the manager's memorandum to the board giving a comparison of these options, it was clear that Options 2 and 3 involving extension of the mortgage period would cost GHI at least \$30,000 more than the other options, which were therefore the only ones seriously considered.

Comproni expressed himself in favor of Option 4 as being the surest way of providing for repayment. Smith on the other hand argued against "tying up" funds in continuing payments and favored Option 1 as being more flexible for the corporation.

This divided opinion among the board, and among members present, was reflected in the reaction before and during a proposed motion by O'Donnell to take Option 4, if acceptable to GNMA. Audit committee member Jim Reid suggested accepting Option 1 (lump sum payment) with the choice of switching to Option 3 (period extension) if necessary at a later date, while director Moryadas suggested a combination of Options 3 and 4.

Eunice Coxon from the floor asked what the effect of each option would be on individual members (the manager's memorandum gave a breakdown of the cost of each option to the membership as a whole). From the floor also Charles Schwan, a former director, urged that none of the options be adopted because he felt not enough time had been given to their consideration.

Another member as well as director Smith saw no alternative to making an early decision because of the corporation's financial squeeze. O'Donnell's motion failed on a close vote, and instead a more tentative motion was passed to contact GNMA to see if Option 4 - not yet considered by GNMA - would be acceptable to that agency.

Other Matters

Earlier in the meeting, some questions were put to the board members from the floor. Mrs. Coxon read a statement which questioned the legality of the board minutes as presently written up; she proposed that the officers of the corporation should sign the minutes as approved, and that the minutes be bound in a volume at the end of each second term. A motion by O'Donnell to approve this proposal was tabled for later consideration, however.

Martha Hutzler also asked comptroller Donald McGinn to account for what she said was financial "exploitation of the frame home owners". At the request of chairman Smith she agreed to bring in the particular report that she had obtained her figures from.

One other main item of business was dealt with by the board, namely the matter of check valves for automatic washing machines which have been recommended by the staff as being necessary to prevent interaction between the hot water and cold water lines in homes. It was agreed that heating costs could be saved by installing such valves, as well as reducing the nuisance to homeowners of having sudden temperature changes in their water supply.

Comproni suggested they be installed outright in all homes, charging the members at cost, to save on maintenance. Other board members agreed this would be a useful move. In reply to a question by Mrs. Coxon, McGinn gave a preliminary estimate of about \$15 per home. Director Norman Weyel recommended that such valves be tested for reliability. A motion by O'Donnell was passed which authorizes installation of the check valves in one row of houses, as a test, and will also make them available to members at cost price.

County Council Appeals SHLRC Sewage Denial

Upon the urging of the city, the Prince Georges county council has adopted a motion appealing the denial of a sewage connection for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to the State Board of Review. A fortnight ago the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene had denied an exception to the sewage moratorium on the grounds that the Recreation Center did not meet the definition of a public service building. It is expected that county executive William Gullett will also join the appeal. The city has requested his support.

At Monday's meeting, city council further moved to seek a face-to-face meeting with SDHMH Secretary Neil Solomon for the purpose of reconsidering the decision. Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested that the city explore the possibility of going ahead with construction of the Recreation Center, pending a determination of the sewage question, in order to avoid delays which would be sure to hike up construction costs.

Recreation Review

Tennis tournament action

Anyone interested in top flight tennis competition is welcome to enjoy the action, free of charge, on the Braden Field Courts beginning Sat. June 8 at 9 a.m. This is the opening of the city Open Tennis Tournament with competition in men's and women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

Lake park summer sounds

Opening the 1974 season, the New Dimension Singers will perform Sun., June 9, 7 p.m. at the Lake Park bandstand. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy the 'Lake Park Summer Sounds'.

Municipal pool passes

Pool passes are on sale at the Municipal Building Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passes may also be purchased during pool open hours.

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Beltway Plaza Plans Again Shelled By City

City council has once again expressed its displeasure with plans submitted by the Beltway Plaza developers for the future development of the shopping center. At its May 20 meeting, council informed the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that it was recommending that the plan not be approved because of substantial inaccuracies. This was also the finding of the city's Advisory Planning Board in Report #145.

Several months ago in considering a preliminary plan of subdivision on Parcel Q on Cherrywood Lane adjacent to the ARCO service station, the city recommended that the plan not be approved until a concept drawing was submitted for the development of the rest of the property.

Subsequently, a plan was submitted consisting of penciled-in markings on an existing site plan and both the city and APB have not considered this plan to be what they asked for.

The APB listed the following deficiencies of the latest plan submitted:

(1) The plan shows a total of seven curb cuts along Cherrywood Lane that either exist or are proposed but does not show an additional seven which already exist;

(2) The combination Mobil Service Station-Car Wash which exists on Cherrywood Lane is not shown on the plan;

(3) A number of light standards exist in the rear parking lot and their relationship to the proposed traffic movement pattern for this area is not shown;

(4) Striping designated parking areas and interior traffic lanes are not present in a number of existing paved areas as shown on the plan.

(5) It is unclear from the plan how vehicles would be prohibited from traversing the proposed parcel "Q" for access to or from the back parking lot and Cherrywood Lane rather than the designated drive;

(6) Access from the rear lot is shown to Breezewood Drive to line up with Springhill Lane. As shown this drive would line up with Cherrywood Terrace as Springhill Lane is several hundred feet east of the proposed drive;

(7) A side view of a landscaped earth mound for the area between the parking lot and Breezewood Drive is shown. However, the relationship between the proposed landscape earth mound and the existing mound in terms of height, width and length is unclear.

Methodist Church News

A bake sale and car wash will be held on Sat., June 8, from 10-2 p.m. at the Church.

Sun., June 9, from 2-6 p.m., Church picnic at Adelphi Recreation Center. Bring own meat, covered dish, eating utensils and drink. Grills are available. Directions available at Church.

Arts and crafts class has been disbanded until further notice.

Sunday School has been changed. Grades 1-6 will have a choice of going to Arts or Drama classes. Limit of 15 to each class. These classes will be studying the Parables of Jesus. Other classes will meet as usual.

Charles Brawn Reception

The Center School PTA will hold a farewell reception for principal Charles Brawn on Tuesday, June 11 at 8 p.m. in the school library. All parents and members of the community are cordially invited.

St. Hugh's CYO News

The St. Hugh's CYO track team finished its first season of competition in a two-day meet, May 25-26 at Carroll High School in Washington. St. Hugh's scored 32 points and won two metropolitan area CYO events in this 30 team meet: Chris Cantwell (11) won the 100 yards and placed second in the 10-11 age group 220 yards. Tom Noel (13) won the mile and placed second in the half mile in 12-13. Melissa Bagster-Collins (14) was 5th in 14-15 half mile and Beth Osborne (13) was fifth in the 100. fifth in the 440 and a member of the 4th place sprint medley relay for 12-13. Other members of this relay were: Mariette Vanderzon Regina Bram and Rita Noel. They were joined by Heather Bagster-Collins in the 440 yard relay for a fifth place.

The 9 and under girls took 5th in the sprint medley relay with Karen Havekost, Simone Bram, Maureen McEvoy and Saskia Vanderzon. Havekost, Bram and Vanderzon were joined by Debbie Cooper for a fifth place in the 440 relay.

On May 27 in the Prince Georges County Junior Olympics held at Crossland High School, Camp Springs, Saskia Vanderzon took second in the 50 yard dash in 6.9 seconds, Chris Cantwell took fourth in the 100 yards in 12.7 and Tom Noel second in the mile in 5:06.3.

Balt. Symphony Performs

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Sat., June 8, 8 p.m., at the Prince Georges Community College, Largo.

Their performance is a part of the "Month of Music" program in Prince Georges County which is sponsored by the Dimensions in Music Festival Committee.

Sergiu Comissiona will conduct the symphony in a concert which will include Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," Mendelssohn's "Symphony #4 (Italian)," Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," and Kodaly's "Dances from Galante."

All seats for the concert are unreserved, and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Perry Brockway

Perry Brockway son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockway, 14-W Ridge, died after a brief illness on May 29. Age 16, he was active in Panther Patrol of Troop #746 where he had attained the level of first class. Active in the Mowatt Memorial Methodist church's Sunday School, he also served as an usher. Perry enjoyed building models, and was a sports enthusiast.

For three years he was a News Review carrier, delivering some 275 papers each week to the Charlestowne Village and Charlestown North area. He is survived by his parents, Nettie and Charles Brockway, and sisters Doris and Judy.

School Summer Closings

On Wednesday, June 19, classes for Prince Georges County students in grades one through eleven will end for the summer. June 18 and 19 are scheduled as half day sessions.

Kindergarten classes close for the summer on June 17, while high school seniors end their classes on June 7 and prepare for graduation ceremonies which will be held between June 9-12.

The school year is over for teachers on June 20, but school personnel will be on duty in each school during the summer months.

Beltway Plaza Requests Sign, But Council Opposes

Coming up before the Prince Georges County council on Monday, June 10 is a request by the developers of Beltway Plaza for approval to erect a flashing electric sign on the property. The time and place of the hearing is 1:30 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room at Upper Marlboro.

The developer wishes to erect a 30 by 3 foot sign, some 22 feet off the ground, which will be able to flash "traveling" electric messages. The sign would be located along Greenbelt Road on the eastern side of the Hot Shoppes location.

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission denied the permit over a year ago on April 30, 1973. MNCPPC's basis for denial was that the intent of the zoning code is to prohibit such "traveling" signs. The applicant is appealing on the grounds that this interpretation was incorrect and that the denial would create "peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties" and "work an undue hardship."

At its Monday, June 3 meeting, city council voted to concur with the denial decision of MNCPPC. Among the reasons listed by the council were (1) Greenbelt Road is a heavily traveled highway and the proposed sign represents a potential traffic hazard; (2) the conceptual development plans for the Beltway Plaza do not show the proposed sign; (3) efforts nationally are directed toward a reduction in the number of signs permitted along public highways; and (4) nothing has been submitted to support applicant's claim of hardship.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services
8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Weekday Nursery School
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Phone 345-5111
Edward H. Birner, Pastor

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
 FISCAL YEAR 1974/75 BUDGET**

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at 8:00 P.M.

for consideration and adoption of
 the Fiscal Year 1974/75 Budget.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building
 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Copies of the FY 1974/75 Budget may be obtained
 at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Tel: 474-8003

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)
 Sunday Worship Service and Church School, 11 a.m.
 June 9, Rev. Kieth Wright

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill Rds. Telephone: 474-4040
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Church Training 6:00 p.m.
 Dr. Stanley Hastey, guest speaker
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Ride our buses to Sunday School and Morning Worship
 For more information call the church office
 Office hours: 9:30 - 1:30 Monday - Friday

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor 474-3381
 "Announcing The Dawn"
 Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
 (Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00 A.M.)
 Church School (Nursery through adults) 9:30 A.M.

Come to Vacation Bible School

June 24 thru 28

8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

1973-74 Kindergarteners thru 6th Grade

Greenbelt Baptist Church

Crescent and Greenhill Roads

Open House for parents and friends

Friday, June 28, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**PLANNED USE REPORT
 GENERAL REVENUE SHARING**

General Revenue Sharing provides federal funds directly to local and state governments. The law requires each government to publish a report of its plans for the use of these funds to inform its citizens and to encourage their participation in deciding how the money ought to be spent. Within the purposes listed, your government may change this spending plan.

CATEGORIES (A)	PLANNED EXPENDITURES	
	CAPITAL (B)	OPERATING/ MAINTENANCE (C)
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$ 41,000
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$ 10,000
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$ 3,000
4 HEALTH	\$	\$
5 RECREATION	\$	\$ 16,000
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$ 4,411
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	
10 EDUCATION	\$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	
15 TOTALS	\$	\$ 74,411

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
 GREENBELT CITY**

ANTICIPATING A GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PAYMENT OF \$74,411 FOR THE FIFTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD, JULY 1, 1974 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1975. PLANS TO SPEND THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN.
 ✓ ACCOUNT NO. 21 2 017 016

GREENBELT CITY
 25 CRESENT ROAD
 GREENBELT MARYLAND 20778

(D) The news media have been advised that a copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public scrutiny at the City Manager's Office at the above address

(E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E)
 I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon.

James K. Giese
 Signature of Chief Executive Officer
James K. Giese, City Manager 6/3/74
 Name & Title—Please Print Date

The expenditures proposed relate to the proposals of the City Manager contained in the Budget for Fiscal Year 1974/75 in which it is proposed that a total of \$75,000 of Revenue Sharing Funds on hand and to be received is to be expended for designated priority services. The Revenue Sharing funds will be used specifically to finance the cost of living salary increases which became effective July 1, 1973 and which are proposed to become effective July 1, 1974. Without the use of Revenue Sharing funds for this purpose, the City tax rate would have to be increased an additional 12¢ per \$100 assessed valuation.

Letters to the Editor

Speaking For Volunteers To the Editor:

In an effort to keep the citizens of Greenbelt informed in matters which may very well affect their health and well-being, I am writing this to reassure the citizenry. The editors of this paper touched briefly on our current problems with Prince Georges County. However, they may have raised some further questions.

First, the County sees our recent change in Chiefs as an opportunity to get their foot in our door, so to speak. It is a well known fact that the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. is one of the most active in the County. This is true despite the recent publicity that the County has produced to the contrary. It is our opinion that the County would like to undermine our good record both with the City officials and the general public. They have attempted to do this with little effect by taking certain statements out of context, by taking other statements and interpreting them to fit their own purposes. Another means used is to take statistics and present them in a distorted manner so as to make the volunteers appear to be ineffective.

In a recent newspaper article, the Prince Georges County fire chief made some rather drastic statements about the volunteer's ability to handle emergency situations. For example, he stated that there had been a "drastic decrease" in the number of volunteers in the County over a period of one year. The paper quoted a figure of an average of 30 volunteers per station one year ago as opposed to only six volunteers today.

Contrary to the County Fire Chiefs dire insinuations that the County is about to burn down around our ears due to lack of personnel, I present the following facts for your consideration about the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

Our department has 80 members. Of this number, over sixty are active, running members. Often cited by the County Chief are the figures concerning response in what is known as the "peak hours," that is, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Using the County Chief's same time reference (Jan.-Feb.-March of 1973 against the same period in 1974), let me contrast his statistics. In January of 1973, during peak hours, the siren was blown eight times with an average paid fireman response of 3.0 as opposed to an average volunteer response of 13.0. During the peak hours in February of 1973 the siren was only blown three times with an average paid response of 2.3 as opposed to an average volunteer response of 11.6. Finally, March of 1973 shows a similar pattern, with the siren blown five times, a paid response of 3.6 and a volunteer response of 8.8.

This year has not been much different:

January, number of calls - 8, avg. paid - 3.3, avg. vol. - 10.8; February, number of calls - 5, avg. paid - 2.8, avg. vol. - 9.6; March, number of calls - 6, avg. paid - 2.5, avg. vol. - 9.5.

So, as you can see, the citizens of Greenbelt have nothing to fear in the way of response during the so-called peak hours. Our volunteer responses often doubles or even triples the paid response.

Our most recent troubles with the County arise from something called the chain of command. One of the provisions of Public Local Law #32-18 is that, "Full-time paid firemen shall be under the direct supervision and control of the individual fire company chief during work hours." The County has contended time and again that this law is illegal since enactment of Charter. However, it has been upheld both in Circuit Court and in the Maryland Court of Appeals. Until such time that this law is either amended or repealed we shall abide by it and we don't think that it is too much to ask Prince Georges County to do the same. After all, what good are laws if the local government won't even abide by them?

In the past several weeks the County has tried to get around

this law by trying to use their own interpretation. They have tried to push onto us a chain of command that puts a paid battalion captain over our own chief. This is in direct contrast to the original purpose of these battalion captains which were to act as liaison officers or coordinators. This is what we were led to believe. The County now says that the original chain of command is only for fire-ground activities and not for administration purposes. There is no way that a prudent person can interpret the law in this manner.

We have had recent meetings with the County Attorney and have come to a temporary agreement, with compromises on both sides, that will be in effect for thirty days.

In conclusion, I would like to ask for the support of you, the citizens of Greenbelt. If you feel so inclined, come down and join us in protecting our city. Any member will be happy to give you an application. Also if you have any questions regarding any aspect of our operations, please feel free to call upon myself or Chief Dutton. We are always seeking to enlarge our membership to better serve the community, so come on down! Remember, we are here to serve you, the citizens. Please support your fire department.

**Michael R. Kerr, President
Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. &
Rescue Squad, Inc.**

Politics or Ability?

To the Editor:

Would you say that in choosing a GHI treasurer ability and experience in the finance field is the most important consideration?

At the May 30 board meeting, when the newly-elected members took their seats and elected their officers for this critical period in GHI financial history was the most qualified person elected or was it politics as usual? The same question could be asked of the post of secretary?

Mr. Comproni, who went to Philadelphia with the GHI manager because of his interest and knowledge to speak with the GNMA officials on the mortgage moratorium options, not only was denied his former post as vice president but that of the post of treasurer, for which he was nominated.

The treasurer will also chair the important finance committee. The newly-elected treasurer is a gentleman well-educated in his chosen profession of entomology but would probably in all modesty admit that his experience on the audit committee was not the heavy experience required for that of corporation treasurer.

The question is who will be his teachers?

Eunice E. Coxon

Cub Scout Pack 1253

by Madelon Ferguson

We had a great time at our May pack meeting which was the last one for this school season. There were lots of awards this month: Vincent Koerner-Wolf Badge, Wolf Gold Arrow and 2 Wolf Silver Arrows; David Marshall-Wolf Badge and Bear Book; Jim Crase-Bear Gold and Silver Arrow; Jim Bonistalli-Bear Badge; Lee Nigg-Bear Silver Arrow. Graduation to Webelos: Jom Bonistalli and Jim Crase. Webelos Steve Lipscomb and Jimmy DeMyers won Artist Awards, and Webelos Jim Hitchcock won the Athlete Award.

Our Pack had a great turnout at EXPO '74. We won a participation award! Some of our scouts won badges for selling 10 or more EXPO tickets - Pat Dean, Ronnie Ferguson, John Buckley, Vincent Koerner, Freddie Ellis and Tim Karch. Den 3 (parents included) won a blue ribbon for Honor Den. They've had 100% parent/den participation this year. Den 5 won the Cubby Award away from Webelos Den 2. One more time and the Webelos would have kept that teddy bear.

Summer activities will include a pack picnic on June 22 at Greenbelt Lake Park, a pool party on July 29 and an outdoor olympics at Greenbelt Jr. High Field on August 24.

Gripes About Garages

To the Editor:

My compliments to the lady who told the board how she felt about how her application for a fence was handled-and my compliments to the gentleman who told the board how he felt about how the garages were maintained and how the painting of our homes leaves much to be desired.

Yes - the first session of the "new board" was marked by individuals speaking what was on their mind and taking the board to task for poor performance in the past!

Regarding garages-I was sorry to hear Director O'Donnell taking up the line of malarkey that has been handed out these many years by our general manager on how garage rents reduces monthly charges to the members. If Hugh was renting a garage he would find out that his monthly charge would be increased by \$11. And all this talk about service income reducing member costs is just so much malarkey since it is the members who are paying that service income and other income and not outside sources!

Therefore, the member who complained about the poor paint and the leaky roof after GHI workmen have shoddily repaired it several times has a good point when he says there is no reason why the garages should be in a state of disrepair! For when you multiply the monthly rent times the number of months a garage has been rented, GHI has collected enough revenue to build a garage from the ground up! Yes - \$10 for 240 months is \$2,400!

One question remains - will Janet James and the rest of the Audit Committee see that the mismanagement of the garages is brought to an end or will they prove out to be biscuit eaters like the previous Audit Committees?

Ben A. Hogensen

How Come?

To the Editor:

Before going on a camping trip, I like to bring my trailer to my house and clean it out and put my supplies in.

Being a good citizen of the city, I have gone to the police and asked if I could have time to park the trailer on the road. The police, being magnanimous, said that I could park there for the tremendous amount of 18 hours. (That doesn't give one time to get started) If I am there after 18 hours, they would give me a ticket.

However, for the past three weeks, a trailer (not a motor home) has been parked on Ridge Road. Evidently they hope to stay for awhile because the pebble guard is up, windows are open, and the jacks are under the bumpers.

Does someone have an in with the police?

When I take my next trip, I hope and expect to be given the same consideration being given the owner of the trailer now parked on Ridge Rd.

Mr. N. Granims

At the Library

Drop-In story programs featuring stories, filmstrips games and action rhymes for children ages 3 to 5, will be presented on Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the program room.

The Ascent of Man - a new film series with Dr. Jacob Bronowski eminent mathematician, philosopher, and senior fellow at the Salk Institute, on the discoveries that have shaped man's evolutionary, cultural and intellectual history, continues Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. there will be books and films for children ages 10-12 in the children's program room. The program will run June 27 thru August 22 (except July 4).

Films & books for family fun will be shown on Saturdays at 11 a.m. in the meeting room for ages 6-12.

On Wed. June 12 the film *Go Ask Alice* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. for young adults in the meeting room.

A collection of horse statuettes belonging to Juliana Tasworth will be on display as well as antique bottles from the collection of Loren Cascioli, and paintings by Valerie Watson.

4-H CLOVER CLAN CLUB

by Stephanie Zeiba

Peggy Coyne, Sharon Hawes and Stephanie Zeiba were in the 4-H Demonstration Day at Frederick Sasser Jr. High School, Upper Marlboro, Md. Peggy demonstrated how to make a cheese ball. Stephanie and Sharon, working as a team, did their demonstration on Yum Yum Salad.

Peggy, Sharon, and Stephanie received championship ribbons, therefore they competed in the District Demonstration Day, May 18, in Prince Frederick, Md. Peggy received a blue ribbon & Stephanie & Sharon won a Purple Grand Champion ribbon. Congratulations.

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GREENBELT SCHOOLS

Greenbelt Junior High Progresses With Teacher-Student-Parent Cooperation

by Barbara Likowski

(The following article is the eighth of a series on schools serving the Greenbelt Community)

Set on a hill at the corner of Greenbelt and Edmonston Rds., Greenbelt Junior High School is a familiar sight to most Greenbelters. Although the only city students now attending are residents of Springhill Lake, most city children of junior high age attended school here in the past.

According to principal William Bevan, 56 full-time faculty members teach 1060 pupils — about 32% of them black. (Enrollment has been as much as 200 more in past years). Bevan is assisted by two vice-principals.

Student Council

Completing his first year as principal, Bevan gives much credit to members of the student council for the smooth running of the school. The student council has to be the "voice of the students," Bevan believes. This year's council has been an active one. They helped to kick off the school's "spirit week" on May 10 by sponsoring a dance. Another activity was to arrange for a coke machine for the cafeteria, and to set up ground rules for its use — subject to the approval of the principal.

Student council officers are elected by 8th and 9th graders in the spring; other members of the council are elected by the entire school in the fall. Officers will be sent to a summer training program sponsored by the Maryland Association of Student Councils. There they will learn about parliamentary procedure, how to plan a meeting, make an agenda, etc.

Parents Help

Parents also are contributing to the on-going program at GJHS, especially through the math tutorial program. Working from a room set up for them, parents (recruited from the PTA) work with students who need extra help with math. At present the math tutoring is covered 4½ days per week. Bevan hopes to build further on this. A volunteer parent assistant is working with non-English speaking students.

More Assemblies

Bevan has made a real effort to add programs and grade level assemblies. Besides offering entertainment such as the De Matha High School Jazz Band, these assemblies helped to teach good manners and behavior, he said. A king and queen dance was held in March and several afternoon grade-level dances were held throughout the school year.

Eighth grade algebra is offered to those students who can qualify. A unified math program had been tried but has had to be discontinued. For those students in that program who took geometry this year, a special algebra class will be offered this summer. Three full time special education teachers, one for each grade - 7, 8, 9, work with children with special learning problems, helping them to move to other classes when able. Students in these classes have the same rights and privileges as other children their age and attend grade-level assemblies with their peers. The school also has an activity room which serves as a base for two members of the home teaching program.

Busing presents very few problems. Those newly bused in were paired with a buddy from the school. Bevan has a firm belief that close cooperation between parents and the school is a very successful way of working through busing or other problems. He is very pleased with the cooperation he has received so far from parents and feels that the majority want their children to receive a good education.

Security

The security man who is assigned to GJHS and several other schools has his office here and checks in informally. This casual contact with students may help to keep some problems from developing. Bevan indicated. There have been a few incidents with drugs, but no overdoses this year.

Very little vandalism has occurred; after school hours, outsiders have broken a few windows and youngsters are encouraged to report thefts and other misdeeds so that they can be curtailed. Bevan

hopes to build pride in the school — in the new gym floor — the wood paneling on the new lockers — newly painted halls, etc.

Programs yet to come include a full-day visit by 6th graders who will be coming to GJHS next year, a Sunday afternoon tea for new students and parents and a student handbook.

Bevan would like to see a "gripe committee" formed. This would give him a closer understanding of students' true feelings. He is pleased with the accomplishments of groups like the gymkana and band.

Principal at Laurel Junior High School from the time it opened in 1958, Bevan also taught at Hyattsville, Glenridge and Rollingcrest Junior High Schools, for a total of 23 years in the field. He sees the continued cooperation between parents and school personnel as the major factor in determining progress at the school. He feels that with this cooperation GJHS will continue to move ahead and build good vibes among students so that they will really feel a part of Greenbelt Junior High School.

Greenbelt Festival's Outstanding Citizen

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will honor one of Greenbelt's outstanding citizens on Aug. 30, 1974. An award will be presented at the opening ceremonies. This will be the second year of the Annual Recognition Award.

Rules for the nominees are: (1) The Festival Steering Committee will select six judges. (2) The judges may not be nominees for the award nor shall they suggest or nominate any persons. (3) Festival Steering Committee members are excluded as judges and nominees. (4) The nominee must be a resident of Greenbelt and judged on service benefiting the community. (5) There will be one award for female or male adult age 21 or over. (6) In an exceptional situation, the award may be presented to two adults whose joint contribution cannot be differentiated. (7) A city or organizational employee may be a nominee only for activities for which the employee is not paid. This does not pertain to services for which a person receives nominal payments. (8) Current elected officials and political candidates should not be considered. (9) Resumes for nominees will be accepted only during the month of July. (10) Written resumes may be submitted by either individuals or organizations. Send resumes to Bill Lawson, 7062 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt, Md. 20771. Information call 345-3125.

John Dewey Award

Mrs. Ruth Wolf won this year's John Dewey Award for outstanding contributions to education. This award is given annually by the Prince Georges County Federation of Teachers.

An award's presentation will be held Tues., June 11, at Parkdale Senior High in the multi-purpose room at 4 p.m. David Selden, President of the American Federation of Teachers, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

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Gary Steven Witlen, 6150 Springhill Ter., received a Juris Doctor Degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Hulda Bomberger of Greenbelt was nominated by county executive William Gullett to serve on the county's Advisory Committee on Aging. Mrs. Bomberger is a retired school teacher and native of Maryland. She chairs the program committee for the Prince Georges County Retired Teachers Association and is also a member of organization's information and protective services committee.

Many happy basketball players of all ages have been pouring into the Youth Center after the long awaited reopening of the gym.

Congratulations to Mrs. Esther Kish who was crowned Mrs. Springhill Lake 1974 at the Spring Dance on April 27. Esther teaches children and adult ballet classes at SHL. She and her husband Emil have two sons, Thomas and Andras. Mrs. Cindy Garfinkel was runner-up. She and her husband Jerry have two children, Brad and Amy. Other contestants honored were Janis Mosby, named Mrs. Culinary Arts, Beth Hitchcock, named Mrs. Congeniality and June Isaacs, named Mrs. Community Spirit.

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YARD SALE: Sat., June 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 24-N Ridge Road.

"Greatest Moms" contest were written by Sandra Darrow, age 10 and Brian Teegarden, age 8.

Congratulations to the following winners in SHL's 10th Annual Art show: Robin Carnahan who won "Best In Show" for the overall fine workmanship in her pottery collection **Oils and Acrylics:** First Susan Stranc, Second Sherilynn Karp, Third Pamela Gordon. Honorable Mentions to: Leroy Pompell, Franklin Graves, Annie Marie Hilliard and Susan Straus. **Water Color, Collage, Mixed:** First Shawn Lockhart, Second Vernon E. Dodd, Third Sherilynn Karp, Honorable Mentions to Cynthia Graves and Carol Hysong. **Drawing, Pastels, Prints, Woodcuts, Lin. etc.:** First Susan Linders, Second Lynn Weiss, Third Carol Hysong. Honorable Mentions to Leroy Pompell, and Lynn Weiss. **Sculpture, Functional Design Objects, Crafts, 2 Dimensional (Needlecraft):** Firsts to Cynthia Graves and Dennis and Jean Aldridge, Second Nancy King, Susan Downey and Lynn Weiss, Third Marilyn Grossman. Honorable Mentions to Susan Stevenson and Lynn Weiss. **Children's Categories:** Firsts to Eric Apschag, Evan Kafka, Marisa Lasansky, Seconds to Brad Garfinkel, Colin Aldridge and Cathie Zahm, Thirds to Andre Boudreaux and Christine McGlothlin. Honorable Mention to Debbie Goddard. Visitors to the Art Show were asked to vote for their favorite entry. The winner was Carol Hysong for her pair of Doberman Pinscers, Kim and Dutch.

Congratulations to Wayne Spong, Jr., 436 Ridge Rd., who received the "Director's Award for Outstanding Musician for 1974" from Bruce L. Nale, band director of Parkdale Senior High School. The award was presented at the recent Instrumental Music Awards Banquet.

Michael D. Cunningham, 39-A Ridge, son of the Reverend and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham, recently received his B.A. degree from Salisbury State College. Also receiving a B.A. degree in Sociology from Salisbury State College was Ellen Harman, 204 Lastner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Harman. Congratulations to both students!

Seventeen Greenbelters were among those inducted into the National Honor Society at Parkdale High School on Thursday, May 23: Carol Bergemann, Lynn Connor, Ann Donahue, Linda Donahue, Rosemary Fitzgerald, William Herlick, Barbara Klukowski, Elizabeth Likowski, Janice McFarland, Carla Jean Smith, David Spiegelthal, Wayne Spong, Mike Sucher, Jacquelyn Waters, Lael Tennyson, Mark Weiss, and Ruth Weyel. At the first meeting of the group Barbara Klukowski was elected treasurer for the 1974-75 school year and William Herlick was elected secretary. Congratulations all!

Our Circulation Manager, Virginia Niland, received a Certificate of Commendation for an Outstanding Performance Rating and a cash award for Sustained Superior Performance from the Naval Ordnance Systems Command.

Congratulations to Tony McCarthy, 19-U Ridge Rd., who received a Juris Doctor Degree at the University of Maryland Law School on May 31. Tony is the new chairman of GHI's audit committee.

It's a girl for Dave and Ginny Radcliffe, 2-D Research! Virginia Katherine was born May 31 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. She joins a sister, Arianna and a brother, Matthew.

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City Protests Plan To Move Metro Stop

The Greenbelt city council made a determined appeal to the Prince Georges county council on Wed. May 29 for support of the original Greenbelt Road branch of the METRO subway. The State Department of Transportation is seeking to divert I-95 construction funds for the purpose of realigning the Greenbelt branch to include a station at the University of Maryland and then swing west of the campus to a final termination at the I-95 Beltway interchange. The city prefers the original route from Prince Georges Plaza to College Park along the Rhode Island Ave. right-of-way to a terminus at Greenbelt Road near the B&O railroad tracks.

The city council had pushed for the meeting because of a feeling that decisions were being made without sufficient attention directed to the issues. All five Greenbelt councilmen and the city manager and assistant city manager were present, as were county executive William Gullett and his aides, METRO officials, State Transportation Department officials, and county councilman Francis White.

Initially there was some confusion as to whether the county council had already signed off in approval of the realignment. The State expressed its desire to move ahead quickly and to take advantage of the Federal highway funds for the subway.

Finally, it was decided that Gullett and county council chairman Francis Francois would seek a meeting with Secretary of Transportation Harry R. Hughes to obtain the time and flexibility needed to resolve the issue.

One of the arguments made by State Transportation Department representative Hal Kassoff for the realignment was that it would serve the students at the University. The city countered by noting that the basic student movement is in an East-West direction and not south to the District of Columbia.

Another argument put forward for the realignment was that the Beltway terminus would provide a more convenient point of transfer than a terminal station located south of Greenbelt Road along the B&O tracks. In terms of commuter time, Kassoff stated that the estimated travel time from the center of Greenbelt to an I-95 station, going by way of the Beltway, would be about the same as travel time to the terminal station of Greenbelt Road, using Kenilworth Ave. and Greenbelt Road.

In reply, city officials noted that the realignment will serve an area of lesser population density and, in particular, an area of relatively low population within walking distance of the station. It was also noted that the I-95 location would not be as suitable for a local area feeder bus system.

The State expressed fear that a subway line along the B&O tracks would discourage efforts to upgrade commuter rail services which the Department is now supporting. Attention was also directed to problems of access at the Greenbelt Road terminus.

Local Physician Heads Family Practice Residency

A new family practice residency has been instituted at Prince Georges General Hospital under the direction of Dr. William C. Weintraub, chief of the Department of Family Practice and Director of Training at the Cheverly facility.

Family Practice, the newest residency approved by the American Medical Association is aimed at training physicians to care for the medical needs of the entire family unit; grandparents, parents, and children. According to Dr. Weintraub, "We will train a physician not only to treat a disease, but to care for the whole individual. Also by his knowledge of socio-economic, or emotional problems, the physician will be able to practice preventative medicine within the family." The institution of the program could eventually help alleviate the shortage of family physicians in the county.

Clean-up at Greenbelt Lake Park



Ducks watch approvingly as volunteers clean Lake shore.



Public Works employees Kenny Hall and Joe Lonesky prepare to haul away one of approximately 15 truck loads of debris collected from the Lake Park on May 11.

Parkdale Awards Night

The 1974 awards program was held by Parkdale Senior High School on Tues. night, May 21. The following Greenbelt students were presented awards.

Riverdale Lions Club Award, Steve Gunn; the American Legion Post 136 Maryland Girls' State, Carla Smith; Greenbelt Lions Club, Royce Buzzell; College Park Rotary, Gabriel Sucher; Toaping Castle, DAR Good Citizens and National Defense Medal, Alex Ruygrok; Woman's Club of Greenbelt Scholarship Award, Patty Levesque; Bladensburg Lions Club Scholarship - \$500, Kathleen Coyne; James G. Mullins Award - \$500, Kathleen Coyne; Fraternal Order of Police, Ellen Kessler; and the Reader's Digest Award, Kim Statham.

Departmental Awards given to Greenbelters were: Foreign Language German and French, Russell Ball; Home Economics (2 awards), Kathleen Coyne; Industrial Arts, Bradley Hitt; Mathematics, Ellen Kessler and Russell Ball; Music, Elvira Kaper; Science, Edith Beauchamp, Karen Goldstein, Ellen Kessler, Chris Needham, and Kim Statham; and Social Studies, Gabe Sucher.

Service Awards were won by: Steve Gunn, Journalism and Parkdale Broadcasting Club; Sue Smith and Wayne Spong, Student Security Committee; Kim Statham and Russell Ball, Superior Senior Standing; Kim Statham, Superintendent's Award; and Gabe Sucher, Student Government Award.

The Police Blotter

A male subject described as being in his 30's, short hair, wearing a suit and tie, lured two nine-year-old girls into the laundry room of an apartment building on Westway Road on the pretext of helping him look for his daughter, "Kelly". Once in the laundry room the subject exposed himself. The girls left the laundry room and later observed the subject leave the scene. A lookout was issued after the incident was later reported.

Another Springhill Lake apartment was entered recently via the sliding patio door. Property stolen included a television set.

Two Volkswagens and three motorcycles were reported as stolen last week.

Ninety warnings have been issued to children for riding or parking their bicycles in the Greenbelt Shopping Center during the past two weeks.

Cpl. Janney and Officer Blake completed a three day seminar this week on burglary investigation. The course was held at the University of Maryland.

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Where To Put Trash

by Stephen Polaschik

The campaign to improve Greenbelt's landscape by getting rid of roadside trash dumps is gaining additional support. On Saturday morning, I received a call to the effect that trash was being dumped near one of the Ridge Road Courts and that the persons piling the material on the roadside said it was their understanding that this was the way to get rid of trash — put it along the road and it will be picked up. Curious about this response, I called the city trash pick-up number, 474-8000, stated the problem and was told by whomever answered the phone, presumably a police officer, that that was the way to do it — leave it on the roadside and it will be picked up by the city. However, when I questioned him further, he referred me to the dispatcher who stated that the trash was to be left in the yard for pick-up.

After this call, I drove to the home of the persons who were unaware they were breaking any ordinance by roadside dumping of trash and was promised future cooperation when I explained the need for improving our surroundings.

It seems to me that one major point, if we are to make our Greenbelt environment better is to insist that our ordinance enforcement personnel be made aware of city laws concerning littering and that an effort be made to educate Greenbelt citizens who may not be aware of such ordinances. Arresting and fining people, in my mind, is not the way to gain total cooperation in improving our physical surroundings . . . education and cooperation of all citizens and groups, whether governmental, religious, social and scholastic is.

Harvey Is Candidate For Delegate Seat

James J. Harvey, a resident of Springhill Lake, has announced his candidacy for the Maryland House of Delegates. He will file for election in the September Democratic primary to represent the 24th Legislative District, which includes Greenbelt and Bowie.

Harvey was organizer of the successful 1972 Democratic Presidential primary slate in Prince Georges County. As Assistant Staff Director of a Congressional education subcommittee, he has also helped to write Federal legislation providing grants and loans to college students, services to the elderly, aid for the handicapped, and support for schools and libraries. He has also drafted measures dealing with child abuse, the environment, and drugs.

In 1972 he was a member of the Maryland Delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

Harvey is Democratic Co-Chairman of Precinct 21-8, Vice President of the Springhill Lake Democratic Club, and a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the Springhill Lake Civic Association.

Parkdale Orchestra Holds "Bermuda Day"

Friday, March 31 was "Bermuda Day" for members of Parkdale High School's orchestra. Bermuda shirts of many kinds and colors were worn by orchestra members and Bermuda was the chief topic of conversation as members reminisced about their Memorial Week End trip to that Atlantic isle. There was the barbecue held on a nearby island beach that ended in a downpour — swimming in the warm aqua water-shopping-bike riding — the plane ride, the first such ride for many of the teen agers, and of course, playing 3 concerts.

The orchestra took part in the Spring Music Festival, co-ordinated by the Performing Arts Abroad. They were adjudicated in the Hamilton City Hall by outstanding musicians from Bermuda and the United States and were awarded the second highest award, a silver ribbon. (So far no group had won the gold ribbon.) The Parkdale students played 2 other concerts, one in a church and the other in the home of the American ambassador.

Greenbelters making the trip were: Pat Barton, Carol Bergemann, Linda Donahue, Jared Freeman, Karen Goldstein, Cliff Hanna, Laura Hecht, Betsy Likowski, Wayne Spong, Donna Townsend, David Walder and Sally Weintraub.

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Soccer Sign-Up - Mr. Yanez, Soccer Commissioner, will be signing up boys and girls, Sat., June 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Youth Center.

Softball - The 15 and under girls are the only undefeated Greenbelt team. The 11 and unders will be playing Beltsville, Fri., June 7, at Braden #2, 6:15 p.m. On Wed., June 12, the 13 and unders will be playing Bladensburg at home.

Baseball - The 14 and under team opened the season at Braden Field Tues., June 4, against Adelphi. Thursday this team will also play Beltsville here at 6 p.m. Fri., June 7, Greenbelt 13 and under will be hosting Cheverly; Sat., 8, the 15 and under will be playing Langley Park at 2 p.m. on Braden Field. Mon., June 10, the 15 and under will play Berwyn Heights at home; Tues. 14 and unders play Hyatts-MtRb, at Braden and Thurs. Lewisdale will be meeting our 14 and under at 6 p.m.

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