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Preventive Maintenance Funds Victim of GHI Budget Cuts

by Al Skolnik

How to cut \$191,000 out of the 1975 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. budget occupied most of the board of directors' attention at its Thursday, December 12 meeting. This tough assignment was given the board the night before when the membership refused to approve any increase in operating charges of 10 percent or more, equivalent to \$224,000. The original budget had proposed an increase of \$415,000 or 18.5 percent.

The board, which was handicapped by the absence of three members — Jim Smith, Hugh O'Donnell, and Joe Comproni who were out-of-town on business, accomplished its mission, but it wasn't easy. It eliminated the augmented planned programs for trim paint, roofing work, tree work, sidewalk repairs, parking lot repairs, termite repairs, electrical heavy-up, and Administration Building gutters and roof work.

In addition, the board struck from the budget the four new maintenance personnel and a plasterer. Instead, the manager was given a lump sum of \$36,000 and told to draw on these funds for any urgently needed emergency work in the deleted areas.

The action of the board, in effect, knocked out all preventive maintenance work in the coming year. In previous years, some preventive maintenance was done, even if reserves had to be used, but the reserves are no longer there.

The increase of \$224,000 still retained in the budget is mainly to cover rises in such basic items as real estate taxes (\$92,400), fuel oil (\$52,800), electricity (\$6,400), cost-of-living adjustments for employees (\$42,000), fire insurance (\$4,600), and funding of "balloon" payments and other loans (\$14,000). Because of the perilous state of the reserves, the board also voted to start collecting again for contingency reserves (\$30,500).

Individual Increases

In terms of individual units, the increase in total monthly charges (including amortization payments) averages 10.7 percent for the frame homes, 5.6 percent for the brick homes, and 6.0 percent for the new homes. For some units the increase will be larger and for some smaller. The new monthly charges will go into effect January 1, 1975.

The larger percentage increase for the frame homes is due mainly to the fact that all of the fuel oil increase is expected to take place in the frame homes. The frame homes will be spending \$62,900 more in fuel oil costs in 1975 than in 1974, while the brick homes will be spending \$10,100 less. The skyrocketing price of the oil used for the frame homes (#4) is largely responsible.

The \$62,900 increase in oil is responsible for almost two-fifths of the 10.7 percent increase incurred by the frame homes. Taxes and ris-

ing maintenance costs account for another two-fifths.

The adopted budget calls for total monthly charges, after including principal and interest payments on the mortgage, of \$2,884,600. An additional \$263,100 will be raised through income received from other sources such as sale of services and investment income.

Holiday Events This Week

Several special events will be held in Greenbelt during the coming holidays. On Friday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m., Santa will be at the Youth Center. That afternoon at 4 p.m. the school patrol will have their party at the Greenbelt Theatre. On the same evening between 8 and 11 p.m. the judging in the Jaycee Christmas decoration contest will take place.

A musical show at Beltway Plaza is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church is having a musical program as part of its Pageant of Peace.

Long and Short Races For Runners, Joggers

There are three long distance running races this Sun., Dec. 22 all starting and finishing at Braden Field. A 20 mile run and a 10 miler start at 1 p.m. at the tennis courts, go out through Braden Field to Crescent, left on Northway to Ridge, left on Ridge to Research then right out through the Agricultural Farm via right on Beaver Dam Road to 5-mile mark and return. Trophies will be given to all Greenbelt finishers. Finishers of one and ½ mile race around the lake at 1:15 p.m. will receive ribbons. This is a race for D.C. Road Runner joggers and runners only, except that Greenbelters who are not members may enter. There is an entry fee. Information 474-9362.

News Review Deadline

The deadline for submission of News Review copy and advertising will be on Monday nights (December 23 and 30) for the next two weeks of holidays, instead of the usual Tuesdays. The paper will be delivered on Thursdays, as usual.

S. Brown Requests Council Support for Dept. Store

by Al Skolnik

The specter of hard times is forcing the city council and the Beltway Plaza owners to move closer together. At last Monday's council meeting, Sidney J. Brown, the shopping center developer, made a personal appeal for the council to support his efforts to secure a second department store for Beltway Plaza (existing zoning already permits this use).

Ordinarily such an appeal would have fallen on unsympathetic ears. The council and Brown over the years have had numerous run-ins, starting with Brown's refusal to pay for traffic lights on Greenbelt Road, continuing through the disputes over the dedication of Cherrywood Lane through the shopping center, the eroding slope, and piecemeal plans for additional stores, and recently culminating in council opposition to a "traveling" sign advertising the center.

But Monday was different as Brown recounted how the Beltway Plaza merchants, including Kleins, have not been getting the business they should. "We are in trouble," he said, "We need that second department store to perk up sales. It is a known fact that department stores like to travel in pairs. They feed on each other. Beltway Plaza is the only enclosed mall in the State that has only one department store."

Brown reminded the city council that the whole community will suffer if merchants are forced to leave the Plaza. He cited the inconvenience to shoppers, the loss of jobs, and the loss of tax revenues to the city.

"Even if you don't like me," Brown said, "think of the welfare of the community. Don't let the fact that I might incidentally benefit from your action influence your better judgment."

Brown thought that a resolution adopted by the council endorsing a second department store, backed by petitions that he plans to circulate among the citizens would be persuasive in interesting other department stores to locate in Greenbelt. He also mentioned that he had on the drawing boards plans for a \$360,000 renovation and face-lifting project for the shopping mall.

The council was impressed with the necessity for maintaining Beltway Plaza as a viable commercial center and on an unanimous vote requested the city manager to prepare a resolution for council approval at the next meeting on Monday, January 6.

Mayor Dick Pilski said that despite previous personality and policy clashes, the city has to draw together when there is a "cry for help" from its merchants.

Santa at the Youth Center

On Fri., Dec. 20, Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center from 2-5 p.m. Boys and girls, preschool thru elementary grades, can visit with Santa and his helpers. Coffee and donuts will be available for the moms and dads, and all the youngsters will receive a treat from Santa.

"KEEP WITHIN 10%!"

GHI MEMBERS REJECT BOARD PLEA ON INCREASE IN MONTHLY CHARGES

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

An attentive Greenbelt Homes, Inc. membership listened to the pro and con arguments presented at the Dec. 11 meeting and then voted 213 to 173 against the request of the board of directors for a 18.50 percent increase in 1975 operating charges to members. A subsequent motion for an increase of 15 percent was defeated by voice vote. Membership approval is required for any increase in operating charges (combined brick and frame) of 10 percent or more.

Except for a few boorish rabble-rousers who ranted against GHI officials, the crowd was orderly and thoughtful as they wrestled with their consciences. There was general recognition that GHI was the victim of rampant inflation and that it was facing a crisis in meeting its commitments. At the same time, individual members knew that they were having difficulties in making their own ends meet.

Why the Vote

Some members rationalized their negative vote by attributing GHI's troubles to an inefficient and incompetent management and staff. One member indicated all GHI's problems would be solved if it got rid of the "myopic, inept, bumbling fools" heading the corporation. Another member conceded that the maintenance staff needed beefing up, but thought that this could be taken care of by firing some clerks in the office.

These comments stirred angry retorts as a host of members rose to defend the GHI staff. One member praised the extensive overtime work done by a limited staff to keep the 35-year old heating and structural plant from deteriorating further. Others noted that the GHI wage level was below that of union labor and Federal workers.

Other members apparently based their negative attitude on misinformation. One member implied that GHI's problems would be solved if a majority of the board of directors came from the frame homes and he asked for a special election to accomplish this. He apparently was under the impression that the frame homes were paying the costs of the brick homes, especially with respect to capital improvements.

GHI presiding officer Don Volk patiently explained that separate accounts were kept for the brick and frame homes and that the frames pay only the heating and maintenance costs of the frames and the brick homes pay only the costs of the bricks.

Frame Home Suspicions

This suspicion that the frame homes were being discriminated against apparently stemmed from the fact that the membership was being asked to vote for an increase in operating charges of 22 percent for the frame homes and 14 percent for the brick homes.

This difference is due to a number of factors, the major one being the fact that different heating systems were originally installed by the Federal government for the two types of homes. The frame homes use steam heat, which is the most inefficient type of heating, while the brick homes use hot water heat. The price of oil for the steam heat boilers has skyrocketed in the last year, while that used for the bricks has leveled off. As a result, 1975 fuel oil costs plus other heating costs for the frame homes are expected to rise by \$108,000 over 1974, while the heating costs for the

frame homes are expected to increase only a few thousand.

Heating Questions

No one was happy over the heating situation in the frame homes. Members complained that the homes were overheated a good part of the time. In reply, it was explained that the homes are heated through steam pipes that pass beneath the buildings. In order for the homes at the end of the line to be adequately heated, the steam has to be stored at all times in the pipes, thus causing the homes nearest the heating plants to be overheated even when radiators are shut off.

It was further explained that the corporation has had numerous engineers in to survey the heating plants and the board is now considering suggestions for improving the situation, such as insulating the pipes and installing storm windows. But as several members pointed out, "there is no way to relieve the situation, without spending money." GHI has scheduled a meeting for later in the year when the membership will have an opportunity to vote on these energy-saving proposals.

There were the usual charges that the corporation has been mishandling funds and one member suggested an investigation by an outside auditing firm and another by the State Attorney's Office. Volk pointed out that the corporation has had an outside audit every year and that it also had a management audit two years ago and none of these investigations produced any evidence of wrong-doing.

Defenders of the Budget

Defenders of the budget pointed out the weakened position of the corporation's reserves, noting that the failure of the membership to increase monthly charges by more than 10 percent last year had led to a deficit of \$143,000 in 1974 operations. The Audit Committee, chaired by Tony McCarthy, was especially concerned over what another year of inadequate charges will do to the reserves.

Other members pointed out the number of "uncontrollable" items in the budget — taxes, fuel oil costs, cost-of-living increase, termite controls, rising cost of materials, deteriorating roofs, etc. — and the effects of a raging 12% inflation on these items. As one member put it, "It is unreasonable to expect that the corporation could get by with less than others in the economy."

But in the end the majority of members decided that their current woes would have to take precedence over future GHI problems. But no one doubted that the board would have to come back in the spring for another increase.

Townhouse Petition

In another matter, the membership voted to direct the board to appoint a committee to investigate complaints regarding the construction and condition of the new townhouses. This was in response to a petition initiated by Gordon Allen, a townhouse owner. In reply to a question, Allen admitted that no other townhouse owner had signed the petition.

In attendance at the meeting were 146 brick homeowners and 243 frame homeowners (according to the voting cards issued.)

Jaycee-Decoration

The Greenbelt JAYCEE Christmas decoration contest will be held on Fri., Dec. 20. The final judging will take place between 8 pm and 11 pm. First, second and third place awards will be presented to the occupants of dwellings in each of the following divisions — apartments, townhouses and unattached houses.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be no refuse collection on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. Because of the heavy holiday trash load both newspapers and household trash will be picked up on December 26 on the regular Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday route. On Thursday, January 2 newspapers and household trash will be collected from the regular Monday-Wednesday-Friday route.

Christmas wrappings and trash other than garbage may be placed by Greenbelt refuse customers in the special trash trailer parked behind the Fire Station at any time.

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Shabe - Rockfort

The children of Jackie T. Shabe and Ernie A. Rochefort announce the forthcoming marriage of their parents on June 1 at the Greenbelt Lake.

Barber - Mangum

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Barber of Greenbelt, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Donna, to Randall Wayne Mangum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Mangum of Greenbelt, on November 16, at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, The Rev. Noel O'Callaghan officiated and a reception followed at the Greenbelt Fire Department. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Lois Flinn, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Colleen Kincaid, and Beth, Nancy and Connie Barber, sisters of the bride. Terry Mangum, brother of the groom, was best man. George Daffan, William Parrish and Charles Flinn served as ushers. The couple will reside in Greenbelt.

Boykoff - Zinar

Former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. George Boykoff, of Bowie, announce the marriage of their daughter Gail to Lawrence Zinar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Zinar of Bel Harbor, New York on December 14. Rabbi Louis Cashdan of Temple Solel performed the ceremony. Gail attended Greenbelt schools and the Corcoran School of Art, and is employed as an artist by the Defense Communications Administration. Mr. Zinar graduated from Stonybrook College in New York, and will graduate from the George Washington University School of Medicine in May.

Mishkan Torah Holds New Years Eve Dance

There will be dinner and dancing at the Mishkan Torah on New Year's Eve starting at 9 p.m. "The Hill Herwood" orchestra will play and the menu includes turkey, meatballs, hot and cold side dishes, dessert and beverage. Call 552-2882 for reservations.

CITY NOTES

M. S. Caltrider, Engineer for the State Highway Administration has advised the city that the State plans to construct on its property at Greenbelt a covered storage facility for the storage of its salt pile. Because of the key road network the State believes it is necessary to have the salt pile located in Greenbelt. Caltrider advises that the storage facility will be placed so that it will not be visible from the road, and that there will no longer be any seepage of salt into the rivers and streams. This relocation should improve the entrance way to the City cemetery as well.

Francine Wunk has joined the staff of Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau as Program Coordinator. Through this position, the Youth Services Bureau hopes to enroll additional volunteers in current programs and also expand programs in the community.

Five Parkdale High School students have received training in telephone answering and receptionist duties. They have assumed the responsibility for evening telephone coverage, and are actively participating in evening activities. The general crew has been clearing various streets and intersections of sand and other debris that was washed down by the previous heavy rains; Ridge Road at Ivy Lane was particularly bad. The crew spent some time cleaning the area around the trailer by the firehouse, as well as removing a dead tree that was a potential hazard to the yard fence.

A load of glass was taken to Baltimore last week.

The park crew has been operating the leaf vacuum and chipper. Some chips were applied under playground equipment at 2 Court Laurel Hill. Public right-of-ways were cleaned in Springhill Lake and other areas of the City.

All refuse trucks are ready for the heavy holiday loads. It is hoped that the new special refuse truck will be delivered by Christmas.

Musical Program At Holy Cross

As part of the 1974 Pageant of Peace, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will hold a musical program Sun., Dec. 22, at 8 p.m.

SANTA WILL COME TO BOXWOOD

All Boxwood Village children will have a chance to see Santa Claus when he rides past their houses on Sunday, Dec. 22 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Be sure to say hello to Santa. He will even have small surprises to give out.

In case of bad weather, look for Santa on Monday or Tuesday between 2 and 4 p.m.

Musical Show at Plaza

A Musical Show time setting, featuring the Adelphians and Bladettes, will open the Holiday Season at the Beltway Plaza Mall on Sat. Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

An array of Holiday songs and dances by the Bladettes highlight the musical show.

A special treat is in store for theater goers who want to enjoy the musicals and Christmas Shop, too. The performances are free - everyone is invited - Beltway Plaza Mall is a "Family Affair".

YULE TIPS

Gift Wrappings: Dispose immediately - Outside the House in a container placed away from structures.

Electric Toys & Gifts: Insure they have the UL label.

Live Trees: Check water level daily. If needles drop - dispose of tree.

Decorative Lighting: Unplug when you're not in the house. Your children: - never leave them unattended for any length of time.

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The Trip to Bethlehem,
 The Christmas Star,
 The Manger Scene,
 is God's way of saying to you "Find out how much
 God cares about you"

Greenbelt Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Services	11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Bible Study for all ages	9:45 am
Christmas Eve Carol Service	7:00 pm

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 (Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor 474-3381

Topic: God So Loved - He Gave
 Candle Lighting Service Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m.
 Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.
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 Church School (Nursery through Adults) 9:30 A.M.

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 Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)
 Rev. William R. Murry, Interim Minister

Dec. 22 - 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Services.
 - 7 p.m. Church School Program: "Christmas in other Lands," followed by carol singing in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 24 - 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service.

What have you told
YOUR CHILDREN
 about the holidays?

Are the holidays just "Santa Claus" to them, or do they know about God's great Christmas gift to us... His Son?

- Children's Christmas Eve Program - 7 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10 p.m.
- Christmas Day Festival Service 11 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 6905 Greenbelt Rd.
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Post-Mortems

To the Editor:

Charlie Schwann's contention that the trim paint program has to be included in the budget due to contractual agreements sounds good - but contracts can be modified and/or have portions deleted if the contract is not viable!

The trim paint program is not a viable item any longer! Some members have been paying for the service for a great number of years only to be skipped over while the trim deteriorates. Others have painted the trim at their own expense either under the GHI self-help program of house painting or under their own painting program. So, some have paid for trim painting that was done at their own expense and paid for it the second time under the trim paint program!

Therefore, it is suggested that the trim paint program be deleted from the 1975 budget as a line item. In its stead, two optional means of keeping the trim painted be offered which are:

(1) Member paint the trim at his own cost under the self-help program through GHI or by hiring a painter to do the work.

(2) Member enter into a contract for trim painting the same way as other maintenance work is done where the member pays GHI for the service. When sufficient members enter into such a contract, GHI will then let a contract to a painting firm and have the painting done.

This later provision will give the member the option of when he wants his trim done and will eliminate the delays that are attributed to "the trim paint program had to be cancelled due to the budget"!

If we want to retain the present system, we would be well on our way towards reducing cost if we would take part of the money that is budgeted for oil and repair and/or replace the defective Weatherman controls on those systems heated by the four large plants in the North End. In addition, we should insulate the lines - especially under the floors of the buildings - to also cut down the excessive use of oil.

When those four plants are using some 65% more oil than they should, steps taken to improve the efficiency will automatically get rid of this need for the excessive amount of oil!

I would like to hear more from the gentleman who was with the Veterans Administration and working with their heating facilities - I feel that he could easily establish the trade-off point between updating and the use of oil!

If we do not want to retain the present system, there are other systems that would reduce our cost to 23.3% of our present cost. We could use that 76.7% of excessive cost for conversion purposes instead of purchasing oil!

Yes - we need more expertise in our engineering and maintenance. But we can easily secure it at no additional cost by getting rid of the dead wood in other departments! For instance, only some 70 homes are sold by the GHI Sales Department directly and the remainder are sold by other firms such as Greenbelt Realty and Kash.

With some 7 sales people on the sales staff selling only some 70 homes a year, the average number of sales per sales person is 10 sales per year! That is less than one sale a month! Yes, we could cut the sales staff to a single person or at most two persons!

Now that we have told the Board that the increase is limited to 10% and defeated the brick ploy - via Shinderman - to make it 15%, it is up to the Board to cut the administrative fat from the Budget so services will not suffer. We do not have the reserves to deplete any longer and the members will not stand for inferior service any longer and the continuation of inefficient administration any longer! Yes - the handwriting is on the wall! Our reserves are depleted and we are some \$500,000 behind due to deficit spending.

Ben A. Hogenesen

Townhouse Frustration

To the Editor:

I am repeatedly asked why I am dissatisfied with my Townhouse. The reasons seem very elementary to me; I do not understand why others find them hard to grasp. Maybe there are too many; I'll line them up.

1. The house does not have the basic, planned facility space and organization that a larger family needs. The fourth bedroom and basement are pasted on to a functionally smaller and not very convenient unit design; they are luxury space additions. 2. The house is not put together with the planned durability that would have guaranteed low, deferred maintenance costs and long life. 3. It is not planned and equipped to operate at low cost.

The presence of all three of these is needed to justify new-house cost and mortgage rates against the other needs of a large-family budget. But this is not all: 4. The house was authorized and offered in a sequence that promised and should have resulted in these qualities. The freestanding homes seemed to demonstrate that the necessary minimum understanding of project requirements and of supervising responsible construction planning was available. 5. The mortgage is a ten-year balloon note on thirty-year terms in a rapidly deteriorating economy. 6. The purchase contract is bound up as if there could be no reason for dissatisfaction on any of the first three counts. It also seems to assume that any resale is automatically accompanied by surplus income and savings: to pay extra for the privilege of having occupied the units as well as for buying a much more costly house (or possibly financing to build or remodel one) on the commercial market.

If I presumed to offer a house for sale on the basis these were, would I have any right to make such an assumption or to tie up the contract so, without further guarantees? Where is a large family supposed to find surplus income and savings, or time to start over?

Always bearing in mind a larger family (a circumstance I cannot escape) all of these conditions contribute to a self-defeating and contradictory situation. The house that is inadequate for a large family and unreasonably expensive to maintain, operate and re-sell is a burden to keep and a burden to replace.

The list already gives plenty of room for investigation and improvement. The question is, considering the Townhouses' structural shortcomings, how much maintenance rehabilitation and space reorganization is justifiable? On the other hand, how long is it reasonable to expect exorbitant and mounting maintenance costs to be acceptable in large-family budgets? Either way, who pays? Outright replacement may well be the only justifiable alternative under the circumstances, whether or not it is in the realm of possibility!

So far we have taken only an impersonal, "any family" approach, disregarding the time and lives already involved. I am a person; I share responsibility in a family of six. Here is the last point: It has taken five years, half of a childhood or an adolescence, to achieve responsive attention to the situation. It is hard to see any worthwhile purpose behind any of these proceedings. It is very difficult, indeed, to maintain the charitable attitude that simple misunderstanding without malice could produce the total result and all of the delays.

Gordon Allen

Deploring GHI Apathy

To the Editor:

A few notes concerning the GHI membership meeting of December 11 . . . The victory over the proposed budget was a hollow one, although I was strongly in favor of its defeat.

The times in which GHI, Greenbelt, and the world exist have changed such that a new outlook and determination of more pertinent goals are needed desperately and now . . . not next year after another assembly like last night with its foolish catcalls, personal slurs, and equally useless retorts . . . with senseless unfounded belittling of the maintenance staff . . . with brick/masonry vs. the frames!!! There has to be some relief from the paranoia and futility of the 70's, but the feeling was only heightened last night.

I think that many of us would have at least hesitated in our disapproval had the budget increase shown consideration of alternative solutions as well as an attempt on the part of its originators to first effect some changes from within the GHI organization (i.e., rather than wanting to pass on to us the expected decrease in income from sales related matters, why continue to maintain such a sales staff when we should anticipate decreased need for their ministrations?) - and why not carry things a step or two further and assess many of our proclaimed needs, their feasibility, practicality, their reality?

I'm sure that in the near future a real and immediate need for additional funds will appear, and for whatever reasons our resources will fall sadly short of that amount.

Last night's defeat of the proposed 1975 budget was a protest not only against the national economy but against shortsightedness, poor organization of GHI without apparent concern for the members, and a show of no confidence.

Apathy has its shortcomings as we can see all too easily. I was told this morning that when the proposed budget was first presented to membership for suggestions, alterations, and preliminary endorsement perhaps 30 GHI members were present for discussion at the hearings. Imagine, THIRTY members . . . There are approximately 1600 homes in the corporation. In most of these homes there is probably more than one adult. In most cases one would hope that these adults would be interested in WISELY protecting their community, their investments, and their homes.

One of the drawbacks when we are faced with the results of our apathy (we could call it inactivity) is that we really can't cry too loud or complain sincerely or effectively.

I suggest we get off our inflationary rear ends (my husband and myself included) and go to hearings and board meetings, ask necessary and pertinent questions, and consider taking such constructive action as petitions, polls, and committees . . . and, before there are grimaces and snickers, I finally suggest we try to become more actively involved in the workings of GHI and that each attempt be made sincerely and honestly. Until there is such interaction and involvement, the only complaints heard should be "Why didn't I get it together and go to that Hearing?" . . . Why didn't I make myself heard?!"

Pat Balas

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"NARROW MARGIN"

To the Editor:

To the many members who attended the December 11 annual meeting, I feel deeply grateful. For those who neglected to give up one night to vote on important issues whether it was necessary to raise 18% or 10%, I can only feel disgust for those who had no legitimate reason for their absence.

I want to remind them, that by a narrow margin of only 40 votes, by dedicated co-operative members, some in their 70's and 80's, they were spared the 18% increase.

It is this large brainwashed majority in the frame homes, who refuse to analyze and check any report of management or board, who contributed in absentia, to the escalating costs since 1965.

Whom are you afraid of?

It would be poetic justice to foist the 18% on you, as a constant 1975 reminder of your neglect. Instead you will benefit, undeservedly, from your more knowledgeable and civic minded minority.

Martha Hutzler

Basketball Marathon

On Dec. 27, the St. Hugh's teen club will take on St. Bernard's teen club in a 12-hour marathon which is to be held at the Greenbelt Armory from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All proceeds and donations will go to Easter Seals. Following this marathon, on Dec. 28, the St. Hugh's CYO Teen Club will sponsor a 1950's Record Hop. It will be held in Grenoble Hall from 8-11 in the basement of St. Hugh's church. A cover charge will be required and, like the marathon, it will go to the Easter Seals Foundation.

KASH'S HOME KOMMENTS

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Greenbelt Grab-bag

by PUNCHIN' JUDY

'Tis the season to be merry, and by now you have undoubtedly finished your shopping and are ready to enjoy the holidays. You haven't? Shame on you; but worry. In our usual helpful fashion, this column is prepared to aid you in finding just the right little gift for that special person and the little odds and ends that come in so useful as stocking stuffers.

For the lady on your list, you just cannot go wrong with costume jewelry. Gubelin of New York has imported from Pakistan a lovely platinum brooch embellished simply but charmingly with 36 diamonds, three fresh water pearls, and six cultured pearls. Modestly priced at \$13,000.

What teen aged girl doesn't like horses? A stunning 18-K gold horse pin with diamond mane and tail is priced at just \$3,400 at Julius Cohen of New York. If you happen to have an unnatural kid who likes bulls instead, the same store has a gold bull pin for a mere \$1,280.

If your lady love's taste doesn't run to jewelry you can get away cheap. Lanvin has a little kit that you can get at Woodward & Lothrop for a cool \$100. But why be cheap? After all, it's the spirit that counts, and you can count on the ST Dupont lighter to put the lovelight in your darling's eyes. The one I liked was \$2600 and I'm not really sure where you can get them outside of Paris, but there is a toll free number that I'd be glad to share with you.

How about a watch for the man in your life? Tiffany of New York has a neat one for only \$3,000. It's not bad for the money, but of course it doesn't really compare with the Audemars Piguet at \$35,000. Like I always say, you get what you pay for.

I really hate to mention this little bauble, but it would make a great unisex gift for practically anybody. Saks Fifth Avenue carries a leather covered mink lined dice cup for a ridiculously low \$50. I realize that nobody in Greenbelt is interested in that price range, but it would make an awfully cute fun gift.

And now we come to gifts for the house. Wakefield Scarce Gallery has a cunning rooster wood carving by Gunther Granger for an easy \$2800. An Astrological Dodecahedron with Pentagonal Hardwood Stand is \$585 postpaid at Unicorn Forge of Helotes, Texas. "Easy for you to say," I hear you cry, but believe me it wasn't. Just don't ask me to repeat it.

And to finish your shopping list, don't forget a little something for yourself. I have located a card that starts at \$33,500. It can be exchanged for a Rolls-Royce. This comes complete with all accessories, except for the chauffeur, who is extra.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Greenbelt News Review for giving me the opportunity to go on this shopping excursion. Unfortunately the research funds were unaccountably exhausted, so I had to make do with leafing through magazines put out for the paper collection. But you may rest assured that I looked in the very finest magazines available curbside, because nothing is too good for Greenbelters. Right? Right.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CRAB Issues Report On Local Vandalism

A report on vandalism was issued last week by the Community Relations Advisory Board. After reviewing the major areas of vandalism (Youth Center, St. Hughs School, library, and center area), the board made the following recommendations:

(1) The principals of the schools should be asked to make the problem of vandalism a school project.

(2) Plastic (plexiglass) windows should be installed wherever possible.

(3) The problem and solution to vandalism should be pursued at the PTA meetings.

(4) The police department should be allocated funds in its budget for a juvenile officer.

The board noted that its recommendations were based on the following conclusions:

Vandalism is a community problem and cooperation of parents is needed. The prime age group of those committing the vandalism is from elementary to junior high school. The police department wants all acts of vandalism to be reported to them. At present the public is not doing that. Reporting increases the probability of apprehension.

On an optimistic note, the board noted that the use of brighter lights and cutting back of underbrush has helped vandalism to decrease at St. Hugh's. According to the police department, the problem of vandalism in Greenbelt is not half as bad as it is in other cities.

On another subject, CRAB recommended that the ban on bicycle riding in the Greenbelt commercial center be repealed. It stated that dangerous bike riders are subject to ordinary traffic laws, there never has been an accident reported under this provision, and there are not enough police to patrol the area for bike violators.

It also felt that the center was being discriminated against in that there is no other similar ordinance on the other shopping centers and persons can ride on any other sidewalk in the city except the one in the center mall.

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Recreation Survey

A random survey conducted in April by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince Georges County lists the four most popular activities of a segment of county residents as walking, hiking, biking, and swimming. The popularity of these activities reflects little variation from summer to winter. Jogging ranks several points lower on the popularity scale. The preference for walking, hiking, and biking suggests a trend towards passive or unorganized recreation.

More trails was the single facility most frequently requested, and the first most frequently mentioned comment was for a variety of more facilities.

The pedestrian activities and swimming were supplanted in popularity only by basketball, when examined by age groups. Whereas men and boys ranked this sport as the preferred activity, women consistently ranked biking as the activity they most often partici-

pated in.

Ice skating in winter and roller skating in summer are popular among the younger age groups. Tennis is the first activity in the ranking (with the possible exception of basketball) which requires more than one player, and it rates number one in summer activities among those 18 years of age and over. It was frequently mentioned in comments as a sport for which more facilities are needed. The ball or team sports fall in a middle grouping, with the one exception of basketball, which ranks as first choice of winter activities.

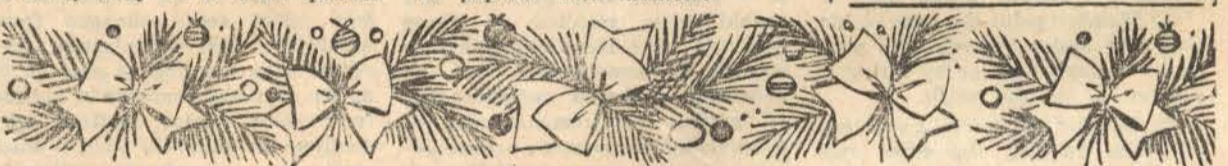
The ranking of play areas both school age and pre-school, may not give a true picture of popularity, since each is an activity for a specific age group and is grouped equally with other activities (golf and tennis) which would tend to exclude these groups. There was a low number of pre-schoolers taking part in the survey, although responses indicate play areas must be popular with mothers.

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Elsie Holtzclaw and Peg Wain-scott had an easy time of it at last Friday's duplicate bridge session by finishing ahead of their nearest opponents, Mary and Ray Finley, by 4 1/2 points. In third place, point behind, were Lou and Lucille Lushine. Next game: Friday, January 10.

It's a "second hole-in-one" for Nat Shinderman, 2-K Westway, and it happened at the Paint Branch Golf Course. Congratulations!

Lawrence M. Shabe, son of Mrs. Jackie Shabe, 65-K Ridge, was promoted to the rank of E4. Lawrence, who is stationed in Germany, will be enjoying the holidays with his wife Kris and son Eric who have recently joined him.

Stephen Feagans, former special crew employee for the city of Greenbelt, graduated from the Harry Lundeborg Seamanship School in Piney Point, Md. The eighteen year old son of Mrs. Jean Feagans, 9178 Springhill Lane, Stephen shipped out recently from Seattle, Washington on Merchant Marine Ship - SS Summit for Alaska.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. King, 219 Lakeside. Stephanie Michele made her debut on Dec. 1 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Visiting NASA on Tuesday was United States Representative Elect Gladys Noon Spellman. Mrs. Spellman toured some of the facilities and had lunch.

Karen Grable, 9123 Springhill Lane, was one of 606 Colorado State University undergraduates who made a 4.0 grade point average for the fall quarter. Karen is in the College of Home Economics. Nice work.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Eric Brooks, 6201 Springhill Dr. Brian Vincent was born Nov. 22 and weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. Brian has an older brother, Eric. Congratulations!

Airman John M. Merricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Merricks, 5 Pinecrest, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He will remain at the base for specialized training in the security police field. Airman Merricks, a 1973 graduate of Parkdale High School, attended Prince Georges Community College.

Jill Marie Curtis of Boxwood Village recently returned from a stay of three months in California. Mrs. Curtis is the mother of Sheila Millhollon of Rosewood Dr. and grandmother of Andrew, Timothy, Mary and Julie. She visited relatives and friends in many cities, some she had not seen for more than twenty years.

Thirteen Greenbelters were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, December 5 at Parkdale Senior High School. Chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to the school were: Jeff Douglas, Mary Figlia, Karen Goldstein, Ellen Kessler, Mark Koszak, Sue Levesque, John Paskalides, Bernard Penney, Dan Raley, Melissa Schwab, Kevin Shaughnessy, Nancy Weintraub, and Allan Weisman.



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 Dec. 31, 10-5 p.m.

Roller skating will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, 27 and 30 for 1st thru 6th graders, in the Center Elementary School Gymnasium.

Happy Holidays!!!

Pre Teen Club

The Pre-Teen Club Christmas Party will be held at the Ridge Road Center Fri., Dec. 20, from 7-9 p.m. Music, games and refreshments will be available.

Teen Club

The KAVA Teen Club Christmas Party will be held at the Youth Center on Sat., Dec. 21, from 8-11 p.m. Music will be available and refreshments will be served.

Choral Society

The Greenbelt Choral Society held its first concert on Saturday, Dec. 14 in the St. Hugh's Church. Over two hundred people enjoyed the Christmas music. Our congratulations and thanks goes out to all members of the choral society.

The Police Blotter

Officer David Fulgham recovered an auto that had been stolen from Research Road before the owner realized it was missing. Six cars were stolen from various locations throughout the City during the week. Two have been recovered out of the City and one located within this jurisdiction.

Officers responding to a call of a domestic fight on Laurell Hill Road discovered that a warrant for assault and battery was on file for the husband involved. Subject was placed under arrest on Laurell Hill Road and turned over to the Sheriff's department.

A resident of Parkway, involved in a domestic problem, fired several shots. The subject barricaded himself in the apartment and threatened officers with a shotgun from the window. For 45 minutes the area was sealed off, and officers were able to talk him from the apartment. State Police assisted and no injuries were reported. The defendant was charged with assault, and assault with intent to murder. He is currently incarcerated in the County Jail in Upper Marlboro.

Numerous accidents were reported during the week, fortunately, no serious injuries were received.

Cemetery Reports Receiv'd

The city council heard from two of its advisory groups last week regarding the city cemetery property on the west side of Edmonston Road. Both the Advisory Planning Board and the Community Relations Advisory Board recommended that any proposed changes should retain the natural setting as much as possible. The APB was concerned about maintaining the dignity of the property as a cemetery.

The city manager's proposal for the cemetery to become a memorial park was considered acceptable but CRAB cautioned against a costly park with structures such as statues and memorials. CRAB also suggested that the council investigate the possibility of maintenance of the park by local high school and university (horticulture) students as part of their work-study programs.

Both advisory groups noted that future development will take place on three sides of the property, leading to the need for park and green space for use of future residents. CRAB suggested that the developers of apartments in surrounding areas might be asked to contribute to the establishment of play areas.

Worthwhile Quotes

"For better or worse, editing is what editors are for; and editing is selection and choice of material. That editors — newspaper or broadcast — can and do abuse this power is beyond doubt, but that is not reason to deny the discretion Congress provided. Calculated risks of abuse are taken in order to preserve higher values. The presence of these risks is nothing new; the editors of the Bill of Rights accepted the reality that these risks were evils for which there was no acceptable remedy other than a spirit of moderation and a sense of responsibility — and civility — on the part of those who exercise the guaranteed freedoms of expression."

—Chief Justice Warren Burger
CBS v. Democratic National Committee, May 29, 1973

Correction of City Numbers

There are several important numbers for city residents to know and use. 911 is an emergency phone number that will bring emergency aid when used in Prince Georges County or the District of Columbia. Eventually, this number will stand for emergency throughout the nation. The telephone company is modifying its telephones so that it will be possible to dial 911 at pay phones without a coin. A central switch board will answer the call, determine the nature of the emergency and transfer the call to the appropriate police or fire emergency board. If the call is a police emergency in Greenbelt the County will relay the information to the police department in Greenbelt.

474-5454 is the Greenbelt Police Department number. By calling this number for police assistance people will get the Greenbelt Police Department directly. Therefore, the call will not have to be relayed through other switchboards and the chances for misdirection are less.

City refuse collection customers requesting special trash pickup or seeking information concerning refuse service should call 474-8004. This is the City Public Works Department. This number should also be used to report problems with the streets and sidewalks or the condition of parks. Public Works office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri.

People interested in information about the city if they don't know where to call, should call 474-8000. This is the number for the City Offices and can reach most any office in the City. This number should be used for those seeking information relating to tax bills or waste collection bills.

People wanting to know anything about the City's recreation program, should call 474-6878. This is the number for the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the people in that office can answer questions about program schedules, registration information and hours of operation for the recreation centers.

Environmental Health Bur. Moved to Aerospace Bldg.

The Prince Georges County Health Department's Bureau of Environmental Health has moved to the Aerospace Building, 10210 Greenbelt Rd., Seabrook, Md. 20802. Telephone 794-6800. Coming under both state and county governments, the Environmental Health Bureau monitors conditions within the environment and community that affect public health. Land, air, water and noise pollution control are major environmental health concerns. These include monitoring streams and public water and sewer systems, enforcement of air pollution regulations, air quality monitoring, monitoring the incineration of sludge at sewage treatment plants, and research on noise pollution.

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Very nice 2 BR Frame Townhouse in clean condition - Occupancy May 1, 1975. If you don't have the total down payment now, you have time to put aside the required amount by occupancy date. Minimum needed to swing the deal, \$3,000.

This 2 BR Frame Townhouse is carpeted throughout and has renovated kitchen and bath. Excellent buy at \$14,500.

1 BR Apt. - 2nd Floor End. Excellent for young married or Retired couple. After down payment, monthly charge of \$99.75 includes everything except electricity. \$8500

1 BR Apt. - 2nd Floor end. Completely renovated throughout. Attic storage. A cream-puff which leaves nothing to do except take possession - \$12,500

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